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Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 2 February 2023

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New EDMs

831 Forced installations of prepayment energy meters

Tabled: 2/02/23 Signatories: 1

Mr Barry Sheerman

That this House notes the energy price crisis facing families up and down the country and the need for urgent action to support struggling households; is concerned by the forced installation of prepayment meters in the most vulnerable homes with higher tariffs and when smart meters are switched to prepayment meters remotely without prior consent; welcomes the decision by some energy suppliers to pause this practice; and calls for a three-month moratorium on forced installations whilst a review is conducted of how energy vulnerability can be reduced.

832 Pay offer for Members' staff

Tabled: 2/02/23 Signatories: 1

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House notes after years of below inflation pay increases to MPs staff that the 2023-24 pay offer of 4.9 per cent from the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority is grossly inadequate; supports the Unite Parliamentary branch's demand for a RPI plus two percent pay increase; recognises a 2020 independent report to the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority found that staff were underpaid to comparable positions; backs the Unite Parliamentary Branch's campaign to have another pay review inquiry with an automatic uplift associated to the recommendations of any report; and calls on the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority to negotiate with the branch to prevent industrial action against MPs.

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.

783 East Renfrewshire Citizen of the Year

Tabled: 20/01/23 Signatories: 6

Kirsten Oswald
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss
Amy Callaghan

That this House congratulates Stan Esson who was named East Renfrewshire's Citizen of the Year in 2022 for his dedicated service as a volunteer with the East Renfrewshire Foodbank; commends Stan for this well deserved honour; notes that the East Renfrewshire Foodbank was founded in 2013 and that Stan as a founding member has worked in the role of Warehouse Manager ever since; further notes that Stan helps to sort donations, organises the storeroom, meets with clients, and liaises with the Trussell Trust to ensure everyone requiring the foodbank's assistance can access the items they require; appreciates the selfless dedication to supporting others in the community which lies behind this vital work Stan does; notes that his tireless efforts make a difference to others at the most difficult times; and wishes Stan and all the fantastic volunteers and supporters associated with East Renfrewshire Foodbank the very best for the future.

795 Ryan Cornelius and the UAE

Tabled: 24/01/23 Signatories: 19

Sir Peter Bottomley
Jim Shannon
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Hywel Williams
Daisy Cooper

Sir Desmond Swayne

Adam Holloway

Caroline Lucas

This House notes with concern that Ryan Cornelius, a British citizen, remains imprisoned in the United Arab Emirates, notwithstanding a finding by the United Nations that he has been arbitrarily detained, and notwithstanding a finding by the United Nations that Mr Cornelius should be immediately released and provided with compensation and other reparations in accordance with international law; calls upon the UAE government to release Mr Cornelius in accordance with international law; calls upon the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs to secure the release of Mr Cornelius; and asks the Foreign Secretary to raise this matter with his Emirati counterpart.

802 Darvel Football Club's Scottish Cup win

Tabled: 25/01/23 Signatories: 7

Alan Brown
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Law
Carla Lockhart

Amy Callaghan

This House congratulates Darvel FC on their fantastic football performance and Scottish Cup victory over Aberdeen FC on Monday 23rd of January; notes that this is regarded as the biggest Scottish Cup shock ever; recognises that Aberdeen were sitting in 5th place in the Scottish Premiership whilst Darvel play in the West of Scotland League, the 6th tier of Scottish football; notes that Darvel FC is a fantastic community club based in a village with a population of 4,000 whilst Aberdeen FC is based in a city of approximately 200,000 population; recognises that the players and staff of Darvel FC are part time compared to the full-time professionals of Aberdeen FC; commends Darvel FC on the ground improvements implemented before the match to increase the capacity of Recreation Park; notes that other infrastructure improvements include upgrading the facilities and changing rooms, a new grass pitch, floodlights, fencing and safety improvements demonstrating long-term planning from the committee; further notes the significant financial backing from President John Gall, the sponsorship of QTS as well as the dedication, commitment and managerial skills of Michael Kennedy; praises Darvel FC for dedicating the match to past President Peter Orr, a lifetime stalwart of the club and a club legend who sadly passed away in December 2022; wishes Darvel FC all the best in the next round of the Scottish Cup at home to Falkirk; and notes that ambitious clubs like Darvel FC should have greater opportunity for promotion and says "mon the Vale".

805 Private treatment at NHS hospitals

Tabled: 26/01/23 Signatories: 23

Margaret Greenwood
John McDonnell
Debbie Abrahams
Kate Osborne
Rebecca Long Bailey
Rachael Maskell

Caroline Lucas

That this House notes that the Health and Social Care Act 2012 in effect allows NHS Foundation Trusts to earn 49 per cent of their income from treating private patients; acknowledges that, before it was amended during its passage through Parliament, it set no limit on private income, demonstrating that the Conservative and Liberal Democrat coalition Government had initially planned to enable NHS Foundation Trusts to earn as much of their income as they wanted from treating private patients; further notes that in 2011 the majority of NHS Foundation Trusts had private income caps of between 0.1 per cent and 2 per cent; is concerned by recent reports that NHS Trusts are promoting expensive private healthcare at their hospitals, offering patients the chance to jump NHS waiting lists; is further concerned that this will increase waiting times for NHS patients; believes that this is leading to a two-tier health system where people who have the means to pay can get treated more quickly, while NHS patients face longer waits, often in pain and discomfort; notes that this is not in the spirit in which the NHS was created; further notes that with waiting lists of over 7 million, there is no excess capacity in the NHS; recognises that the NHS is publicly owned and publicly funded and should remain a comprehensive and universal service, free at the point of use; and calls on the Government to put an end to NHS facilities being used to provide services to private patients.

808 Tanks and Military Aid for Ukraine

Tabled: 30/01/23 Signatories: 6

Clive Lewis
 Jim Shannon
 Stewart Hosie
 Dawn Butler
 Mick Whitley
 Wayne David

That this House notes that 24 February marks the first anniversary of Russia launching an all-out invasion of Ukraine; applauds the Ukrainian people's courageous resistance; welcomes the gifting of a squadron of Challenger 2 tanks to Ukraine and the transfer of Leopard 2 and M1 Abrams tanks to Ukraine; recognises that increased assistance must be provided to help Ukraine successfully conclude the war, free their entire country, and secure a just peace; condemns the fact that 1,105 vehicles were disposed of by the MOD via sale/auction in 2022 for financial gain; calls for all such equipment to be offered to Ukraine; notes that the Challenger 3 programme will upgrade at least 148 of the existing Challenger 2 Main Battle Tanks, and calls for the urgent gifting of 79 CR2 tanks to Ukraine; notes that the 170 CVR(T) Scimitar vehicles go out of service this year, and calls for their gifting to Ukraine; notes with the arrival of 623 Boxer vehicles that the Warrior Vehicle is being retired, and calls for all Warriors to be gifted to Ukraine; notes that only four Typhoon Tranche 1 aircraft will be retained until 2027, and calls for the gifting of the remaining Typhoon Tranche 1 aircraft to Ukraine; calls for those of the current fleet of 60 Chinooks due for retirement be gifted to Ukraine; and calls on the Secretary of State for Defence to commit to the above aid being provided urgently with necessary training and ammunition, and for delivery no later than Spring 2023.

809 Epilepsy Scotland survey launch

Tabled: 30/01/23 Signatories: 6

Douglas Chapman
 Jim Shannon
 Allan Dorans
 Stewart Hosie
 Kirsten Oswald
 Chris Law

That this House values the work of Epilepsy Scotland and welcomes the support the organisation gives those with the condition across Scotland; further welcomes the following areas of specific support available from dedicated staff for those in need of help and advice including their Helpline and Check-In Service, Youth Service, Well-being Service and Welfare Rights; supports their newly launched survey on the link between mental health issues and epilepsy; and encourages those with the condition to complete the survey and have their voices heard.

810 Sylvia Russell

Tabled: 30/01/23 Signatories: 4

Angela Crawley
 Jim Shannon
 Allan Dorans
 Chris Law

That this House congratulates Sylvia Russell from Lanark who was one of 350 people chosen to receive a rowan tree from the Tree of Trees sculpture created for Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee; thanks her for all the hard work and dedication she has shown for the town and community in Lanark; praises her for her work as chairman of Lanark Community Development Trust; notes her

many achievements with LCDT including the installation of the Clydesdale horse sculpture in Lanark to commemorate the town's equine history and the development of Castlebank Park; and further thanks Susan Haughey, Lord Lieutenant of Lanarkshire, for her time and effort in deliberating and choosing a worthy cause for this honour.

811 Drive-through road side pollution

Tabled: 30/01/23 Signatories: 12

Mr Barry Sheerman
Jim Shannon
Richard Foord
Christine Jardine
Stewart Hosie
Mr Virendra Sharma

Caroline Lucas

Mohammad Yasin

That this House recognises that poor air quality is one of the greatest public health challenges of our time; has considered the research conducted by the BBC and Dr Anita Chinnaswamy which discovered that levels of nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter were peaking at many times the UK legal air quality limits for emissions within the drive-throughs of select major fast food outlets; is concerned about the severe health impacts that air pollution can have on those individuals who suffer from prolonged exposure, such as employees and local residents; deeply regrets the link between instances of high road air pollution and deprivation in our country; and calls upon the Government to prioritise enforcement of the law and the fast-food industry to implement innovative solutions to reduce exposure to road air pollution caused by idling vehicles in drive-throughs in the quickest way possible.

813 Support for the hospice sector

Tabled: 30/01/23 Signatories: 10

Patricia Gibson
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Dan Carden
Stewart Hosie

Caroline Lucas

Chris Law

That this House applauds the excellent end of life care and support provided by hospices across the UK to 300,000 people and their families every year; is concerned by the financial strain placed upon hospices due to the soaring costs of energy which places around £100m of additional costs a year; appreciates the significant impact the cost of living crisis is having on the hospice sector's fundraising which accounts for two thirds of adult's hospice income and four fifths of children's hospice income; values the critical role the hospice sector has within the UK's health and care system; understands that the work of hospices relieve pressure on the NHS; is mindful that simply reducing energy consumption is not a viable option for hospices which need to keep medical machines running and inpatient units warm for those in their care; further understands that increased running costs cannot be passed on to service users as they would in the business sector; and urgently calls for additional support with energy costs to be provided to the hospice sector which may otherwise struggle to continue with its valuable work to those requiring end of life care and their families.

814 State pension age and 1950s-born women

Tabled: 31/01/23 Signatories: 10

Wendy Chamberlain
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Helen Morgan
Richard Foord
Valerie Vaz

Caroline Lucas

That this House notes with concern the losses borne by 1950s women as a result of maladministration by the Department for Work and Pensions; supports the independent inquiry of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman; notes that on average over one hundred 1950s born women die daily, many of whom have suffered losses and die without compensation; and urges the Government to commit to meeting the compensation recommendations of the Ombudsman upon publication.

819 Second anniversary of military coup in Myanmar

Tabled: 31/01/23 Signatories: 22

Rushanara Ali
Dame Margaret Hodge
Sir Iain Duncan Smith
Joanna Cherry
Dan Jarvis
Mohammad Yasin

Caroline Lucas

That this House extends solidarity to the people of Myanmar resisting the military coup that took place on 1 February 2021; deplores that over 17,000 people have been arrested, over 2,700 killed and over one million forced to flee their homes; calls for the immediate release of elected members of Parliament illegally detained by the Burmese military, for an end to torture and sexual violence against activists in detention, and for the release of all political prisoners; condemns the almost daily use of airstrikes by the Burmese military; further calls on the Government to do everything it can to end the supply of aviation fuel to the Burmese military; welcomes the Government's international lead on sanctioning sources of revenue and arms to the Burmese military; calls for increased resources to be dedicated to speeding up the pace of such sanctions; further welcomes the Government's decision to join the Rohingya genocide case at the International Court of Justice; calls on the Government to convene a meeting at the UN Security Council on Myanmar's non-compliance with the provisional measures to prevent genocide set out by the International Court of Justice; calls on the Government to increase efforts to persuade countries such as India and Pakistan to stop supplying arms and other military equipment to the Burmese military; and calls on the Government to increase humanitarian aid, including cross-border aid, through local civil society organisations.

820 LGBT+ History Month 2023

Tabled: 31/01/23 Signatories: 6

Kirsten Oswald
Jonathan Edwards
Allan Dorans
Caroline Lucas
Amy Callaghan
Chris Law

That this House recognises February as LGBT+ History Month and welcomes 2023's Behind the Lens theme, celebrating the vast contribution LGBT+ people make to cinema and film; commemorates the struggle for LGBT+ rights over past decades and celebrates the hard-won freedoms and rights gained by the LGBT+ community; understands that progress on LGBT+ rights has not been universal, with many countries across the world continuing to enforce anti-LGBT+ laws which can carry significant punishments; appreciates that the campaign for LGBT+ equality continues and there remains a great deal more work to do to ensure all LGBT+ people can live their lives free from prejudice and hatred; and applauds all those working to end discrimination against LGBT+ people across the world.

821 Fundraising by Cole Park

Tabled: 31/01/23 Signatories: 4

Amy Callaghan
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Chris Law

That this House commends six year old Cole Park on his outstanding achievement completing the family fun run in Glasgow Green in December 2022; understands that Cole raised £20,164 for the Beatson Cancer Charity through registration fees and online donations; notes that Cole led the Santa Dash in his wheelchair with over 4000 runners in the first run in three years; congratulates Cole and his mother Michelle for their incredible dedication and for bringing together the community to raise funds for such a vital charity; thanks Glasgow City Council for organising and supporting the event; and wishes Cole all the very best for his ongoing treatment at the Beatson West of Scotland Cancer centre.

823 Rookie Rockstars East Dunbartonshire

Tabled: 31/01/23 Signatories: 5

Amy Callaghan
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Kirsten Oswald
Chris Law

That this House congratulates Rookie Rockstars on the opening of its new headquarters in Kirkintilloch; commends the efforts of founder David Brackenridge and the Rookie Rockstars committee for the dedication they have shown to support communities across East Dunbartonshire; thanks the volunteer team and advocates for their continuous hard work and support; praises Rookie Rockstars for the achievements in developing and implementing the new Rookie Minds counselling service to support young people and vulnerable members of the community; and wishes them every success for the new headquarters and continued success for services in Kirkintilloch and across East Dunbartonshire.

824 Bearsden Academy

Tabled: 31/01/23 Signatories: 5

Amy Callaghan
Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Chris Law

That this House congratulates Bearsden Academy on its recent placement as one of the highest performing secondary schools in Scotland; commends the dedication and leadership of the headteacher George Cooper; notes that the school achieved a fantastic result of third place in Scotland; congratulates Bearsden Academy on its vision and values and commitment to learning and development; further recognises the excellent standard of schools in East Dunbartonshire more broadly; and wishes Bearsden Academy all the very best and looks forward to its future achievements and academic success.

825 30 Years of Celtic connections music festival

Tabled: 31/01/23 Signatories: 5

Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Kirsten Oswald
Chris Law

That this House congratulates music festival Celtic Connections on its 30th anniversary; notes the breadth of talent and cross-genre spirit of this festival which has brightened Glasgow winters for three decades; understands the festival celebrates Glasgow's connections to cultures all over the world through folk, roots and world music; appreciates the contribution to Scotland's cultural landscape that this festival has made over the years; understands this year's Celtic Connections featured over 2,100 musicians from around the world in over 300 events; notes the festival has gone from strength to strength since its inception in 1994; and hopes that it continues to do so for many years to come.

830 Brexit Economic Report

Tabled: 1/02/23 Signatories: 8

Douglas Chapman
Angus Brendan MacNeil
Marion Fellows
Amy Callaghan
Stewart Hosie
Ronnie Cowan

Chris Law

Allan Dorans

That this House notes with dismay that on the the third anniversary of the UK leaving the EU, according to a Bloomberg Economic Report, Brexit is costing the UK economy £100 bn in lost output each year and is having a detrimental effect on business investment and availability of workers, while leaving the UK economy 4% smaller than it might have been had the UK remained in the EU; further notes that a poll by Unherd Britain shows dwindling support for Brexit even in 2016 pro-Leave areas and many other constituencies showing a greater proportion of people being Bregretful in 2023; welcomes the series of Lights On torchlit processions in Scotland designed to remind people of what has been lost through Brexit and to enthuse the Scottish electorate that after Scotland becomes an independent nation, it will wish to take up the slot of the 28th EU nation state vacated by the UK