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## Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 26 April 2023

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### New EDMs

#### 1101 100th anniversary of the war memorial in Comber

Tabled: 26/04/23 Signatories: 1

**Jim Shannon**

That this House celebrates the 100th anniversary of the war memorial in Comber, Co. Down, Northern Ireland; notes that the monument in the war memorial was dedicated to the memory of the gallant officers, non-commissioned officers and other men belonging to Comber and District who gave their lives for their King and country in the Great War of 1914-18 and the Second World War of 1939-45; further notes that Comber and District Memorial was unveiled and dedicated on Saturday afternoon of 14 April 1923 in the presence of a very large concourse of people and that it was erected in the square beneath the shadow of the monument which perpetuates the memory of a great hero of bygone days, Sir Robert Gillespie; highlights the incredible work of the Comber District Royal British Legion (RBL), which is an integral part of the country's largest armed forces charity with over 180,000 members and 110,000 volunteers who give support wherever needed; acknowledges the expert advice and guidance that the RBL provides to ex-personnel on the road to recovery; and thanks them for their dedication and work in helping our fallen heroes adjust into normality after serving their time.

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#### 1102 Anzac Day 2023

Tabled: 26/04/23 Signatories: 1

**Jim Shannon**

That this House celebrates Anzac Day 2023, a day of national remembrance in Australia and New Zealand, that commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations; notes the acronym ANZAC, which stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps; highlights that it has been 108 years since Australian and New Zealand soldiers first landed at Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey during WWI and that the Anzacs were defeated after eight months, having suffered great hardships and mass casualties; further highlights that

their bravery has become an enduring symbol of military sacrifice; underlines the services and memorials that take place all over Australia and New Zealand and that more than a million people camp on sleeping bags and beanies on Anzac Cove in Gallipoli; and thanks all service personnel for their stellar efforts during the War and that their memory will be celebrated each year on Anzac Day.

### 1103 Scope Disability Price Tag research

Tabled: 26/04/23 Signatories: 6

Marion Fellows  
Wendy Chamberlain  
Charlotte Nichols  
Caroline Lucas  
Dr Lisa Cameron  
Rachael Maskell

That this House acknowledges disabled people face higher costs than non-disabled people, with Scope's new Disability Price Tag research showing the average disabled person household facing extra costs of £975 per month compared to non-disabled households; notes that this implies disabled households need to find almost £12,000 more a year to achieve the same standard of living as non-disabled households; further notes concerns that disabled people are facing spiralling additional costs, which have been exacerbated by the cost of living crisis; and calls on the Government to work directly with disabled people and charities to tackle the inequality of extra costs.

### 1104 Birthday of Panchen Lama, Gedhyn Choekyi Nyima

Tabled: 26/04/23 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates the 34th birthday of the Panchen Lama, Gedhun Choekyi Nyima, which was 25 April; urges the Government to engage with Chinese counterparts as to the whereabouts and safety of the Panchen Lama and his family following his abduction by the Chinese Government in 1995; notes that the succession of the Dalai Lama and the Panchen Lama should not be a concern of the Chinese Government; further urges the Chinese Government to refrain from interfering in the succession of the Dalai Lama and Panchen Lama; and renews calls for freedom of religion or belief for Tibetans to be upheld and attacks against Tibetan culture to cease.

### 1105 25th anniversary of the Scottish Junior Cup final

Tabled: 26/04/23 Signatories: 1

Kirsten Oswald

That this House recognises the 25th anniversary of the Scottish Junior Cup final when Arthurlie Football Club defeated local rival Pollock 4-0 at Fir Park in Motherwell; notes that the anniversary will be marked with a testimonial match on 7 May 2023 at Dunterlie Park, with players from the cup-winning Arthurlie team playing a Clydebank select team; understands the testimonial match is dedicated to Stuart Allison who played for the victorious Arthurlie team 25 years ago; further notes that the Arthurlie team was led by Jimmy McQuade and that the goal scorers were Mark McLaughlin, Steven Convery, John Millar, and Steven Nugent; highlights Stuart's commitment to the

sport having spent ten years playing for Arthurlie and a further eight years for Clydebank; further understands all funds raised at the testimonial match will be donated to the local group Voluntary Action East Renfrewshire; and wishes all the players and supporters attending the anniversary game a very enjoyable match.

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#### 1106 Rosewell Tennis Club, Park Venue of the Year

Tabled: 26/04/23 Signatories: 1

**Owen Thompson**

That this house congratulates Rosewell Tennis Club on being awarded 'Park Venue of the Year' award at the recent Tennis Scotland Awards; notes the club have worked tirelessly to renovate the courts and to raise funds to resurface courts and install floodlighting to create this fantastic facility over the last year; commends everyone involved at the club in not only securing this award but in all their efforts to get the club up and running; and wishes the club every success in their future ventures.

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#### 1107 Etape Loch Ness

Tabled: 26/04/23 Signatories: 1

**Drew Hendry**

That this House recognises the Etape Loch Ness took place on Sunday April 23rd; notes that this event attracted thousands of participants and spectators to the Scottish Highlands; further notes the importance of the volunteers who selflessly dedicated their time to contribute to the smooth running of the event; recognises the hard work and dedication of all those who took part; and congratulates them for their efforts.

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## 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.

#### 1064 20th anniversary of shooting of Tom Hurndall

Tabled: 17/04/23 Signatories: 39

**Andy McDonald**  
**Ian Mearns**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Nadia Whittome**

Daisy Cooper

Dr Rupa Huq

That this House notes that April 2023 marks twenty years since 22 year old British photojournalist, Tom Hurndall, was shot in the head by an Israeli army sniper as he tried to rescue Palestinian children from the line of gunfire in Gaza; further notes that he died in January 2004 after being in a coma for nine months and that his killer was released after serving just six years in prison; notes that the lenient sentence and the cursory nature of the military investigation which preceded were examples of a culture of impunity in the State of Israel's use of illegal extra-judicial killings; notes

that this culture of impunity remains evident in the actions of illegal settlers and the Israeli army in the Occupied Territories today; and urges the Government to uphold the principle of accountability for war crimes committed in Israel and Palestine no less diligently than it does in relation to those committed elsewhere by reversing its opposition to the International Criminal Court's investigation into those crimes.

## 1068 Increase in Education Maintenance Allowance in Wales

Tabled: 18/04/23 Signatories: 24

Beth Winter  
Ian Mearns  
Apsana Begum  
Kim Johnson  
Mohammad Yasin  
Jonathan Edwards

Ian Byrne

That this House welcomes Welsh Government's decision to increase the education maintenance allowance payment above £30 to £40 a week; congratulates members of the Senedd, NUS Wales and NEU Cymru for championing the increase; recognises that more must be done to deal with the cost of living crisis and the need to encourage 16-19 educational attendance, including a regular increase in EMA; regrets the cancellation of education maintenance allowance in England in 2010; further welcomes the calls of NEU and NASUWT unions for the reinstatement of EMA in England; and calls on the Government to reintroduce the education maintenance allowance in England at the same rate as Wales at the earliest opportunity.

## 1075 Indefinite leave to remain for bereaved partners

Tabled: 19/04/23 Signatories: 12

Stuart C McDonald  
Chris Stephens  
Hywel Williams  
Ben Lake  
Patrick Grady  
Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Liz Saville Roberts

That this House supports the Refugee and Migrants Forum of Essex and London's call for a fee waiver to be introduced for bereaved partners applying for indefinite leave to remain; notes that the death of a loved one brings multiple emotional, practical and financial costs; believes that people whose leave to remain in the UK is tied to a partner who dies are in a particularly vulnerable situation; regrets that the spouses of deceased partners are required to pay £2,404 to access that concession despite the application costing just £491 to process; recognises that people whose leave was tied to a deceased partner may not qualify for any other form of leave such as limited leave to remain; further regrets that people who cannot afford this fee may be forced to leave the UK or face detention and removal after the death of their partner; further notes that victims of domestic violence who are able to apply for indefinite leave to remain under a different concession are rightly able to apply for a fee waiver for indefinite leave to remain applications; further recognises that the lack of a fee waiver discriminates against women who constitute almost 70 per cent of those on family visas; believes it is irrational for the Government to introduce a concession in recognition of the applicants' vulnerability if it is combined with a fee that people cannot afford; and calls for a fee waiver to be introduced.

**1079 Rana Plaza in Dhaka, Bangladesh**Tabled: **19/04/23** Signatories: **33**

**Apsana Begum**  
**Andy McDonald**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Rebecca Long Bailey**  
**Nadia Whittome**  
**John McDonnell**

Ian Byrne

Liz Saville Roberts

That this House marks that on 24 April it is 10 years since the collapse of the Rana Plaza building in Dhaka, Bangladesh, which killed at least 1,132 workers and injured more than 2,500, a large proportion of whom were women in what was one of the worst industrial accidents on record; is concerned at the ongoing poor labour conditions, low wages and unsafe work environments, with a high incidence of work-related accidents and deaths, faced by workers in the garment sector worldwide; is alarmed at the ongoing suppression of trade union and collective bargaining rights in the garment industry and that since the covid-19 pandemic there is evidence of worsening health and safety standards, increased gender discrimination and reports of concerning levels of workplace gender-based violence and harassment; recognises that without the ability to organise, workers are inhibited from fully securing improved working conditions and/or challenging abuse; and believes that all workers deserve a workplace that provides them with a living wage, decent working conditions and trade union rights including the right to refuse unsafe work, to take strike action and collectively bargain.

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**1082 Freedom of expression and use of counter-terrorism powers**Tabled: **20/04/23** Signatories: **16**

**Grahame Morris**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jon Trickett**  
**Dan Carden**  
**Kim Johnson**

Hywel Williams

Ben Lake

Liz Saville Roberts

That this House is extremely concerned about Ernest Moret, foreign rights manager of French publisher La Fabrique who, whilst en route to the London Book Fair, was arrested by British police under Schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act on suspicion of having participated in recent protests against pension reforms in France; notes that whilst he has now been released from police custody on bail, his phone and work computer have been seized so data can be extracted, and he has been summoned to attend a further meeting with the anti-Terror unit in four weeks' time under threat of legal sanctions; joins organisations such as the National Union of Journalists and PEN International in believing that this incident represents a dangerous precedent for anyone concerned to protect freedom of expression including press and academic freedom and the protection of confidential sources and material; and therefore calls for an urgent review to ensure that Schedule 7 powers are not being abused to suppress democratic and human rights and criminalise political dissent in the UK or overseas.

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**1083 10th anniversary of Rana Plaza collapse**Tabled: **20/04/23** Signatories: **16**

**Sir Stephen Timms**  
**Bob Blackman**  
**Hilary Benn**  
**Jon Trickett**  
**Mohammad Yasin**  
**John McDonnell**

Hywel Williams

Liz Saville Roberts

That this House marks the 10th anniversary of the Rana Plaza disaster on 24 April 2013, which claimed the lives of 1,134 people, injured around 2,500, and impacted countless livelihoods; recognises and commends Bangladesh for its subsequent efforts to transform the safety and sustainability of its garment sector, with an emphasis on good working conditions; notes that Bangladesh has 187 Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design-certified green factories, including half the world's top 100 Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certified green factories; and urges all countries and fashion brands to raise standards for the environment and for workers.

**1086 Voter ID requirements**Tabled: **24/04/23** Signatories: **28**

**Helen Morgan**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Jon Trickett**  
**Mohammad Yasin**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Richard Foord**

John McDonnell  
 Liz Saville Roberts

Hywel Williams  
 Tommy Sheppard

Ben Lake  
 Mr Alistair Carmichael

That this House expresses deep concern at the failure of the Government's Voter Authority Certificate (VAC) scheme, introduced as an alternative form of photo voter ID for those who do not hold an accepted form of ID under the Voter ID requirements as per the Election Act 2022, and the potential impact this will have on the May local elections; notes that the Government's own research estimates about 2.1 million UK citizens do not have an acceptable form of ID; expects that fewer than 80,000 successful applications will have been made for Voter Authority Certificates by the April 25 deadline, representing less than 4 per cent of the number of voters estimated to be impacted; expresses concern that this policy will leave an estimated 2 million citizens unable to exercise their right to vote in future elections; and calls on the Government to scrap or postpone the introduction of the new unnecessary, costly and discriminatory Voter ID requirements.

**1087 MS awareness week**Tabled: **24/04/23** Signatories: **16**

Charlotte Nichols  
 Wendy Chamberlain  
 Mohammad Yasin  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Jon Trickett  
 Jim Shannon

John McDonnell  
 Liz Saville Roberts

Hywel Williams

Ben Lake

That this House supports MS awareness week, which takes place between 24 and 30 April; highlights that the MS Society, MS Trust, Overcoming MS, Shift.ms, MS-UK, MS National Therapy Centres and MS Together are working together to raise awareness of the realities of living with MS, a progressive neurological condition affecting over 130,000 people in the UK; understands that each day of MS Awareness Week provides a platform for people with MS or supporting a loved one who shares their experience of living with the condition; recognises the importance of early access to treatments, physiotherapy, social care services and financial support to enable people with MS to live well with the condition for longer; and pays tribute to family and friends of people living with MS for the care and support they provide.

**1089 Release of Y S n**Tabled: **24/04/23** Signatories: **7**

Liz Saville Roberts  
 Ben Lake  
 Hywel Williams  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Chris Stephens  
 John McDonnell

Claudia Webbe

That this House celebrates the release of Y S n, a Welsh language film reimagining the events that led to the establishment of the world's only Welsh language television channel, S4C; notes that the film depicts the efforts of campaigners including Plaid Cymru's first MP, Gwynfor Evans, to secure this important national institution; commends writer Roger Williams and director Lee Haven Jones for bringing this important story to the screen; notes that the film's release coincides with S4C's 40th anniversary; further notes the filmmakers' aim to spark a conversation among audiences today about the power of protest, the future of broadcasting and the health of the Welsh language; and congratulates the cast and crew on the positive response to the film's theatrical release.

**1090 Section 21 evictions**Tabled: **24/04/23** Signatories: **17**

**Jon Trickett**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Beth Winter**  
**Dan Carden**  
**Charlotte Nichols**  
**Chris Stephens**

Jonathan Edwards

Rebecca Long Bailey

That this House urgently calls on the Government to proceed with their 2019 manifesto and Queen's Speech promises to abolish section 21 of the Housing Act 1988, otherwise known as no fault evictions; notes that section 21 evictions are increasingly used by landlords, with the ONS finding that threats of eviction using section 21 notices rose by 69 per cent, while instances of actual evictions more than doubled, rising by 143 per cent; further notes media reports which show that 40 families a day have been threatened with no-fault evictions since the Government undertook to ban them in 2019; highlights the huge pressure on social housing with over one million waiting for a home; condemns the Government's failure to fulfil its promise to ban no fault evictions, especially with the added urgency of a global pandemic and then a cost of living crisis; further condemns the fact that vulnerable people are potentially being made homeless; welcomes the statement by Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State on 15 February 2023 that the Government will legislate in this Parliament to abolish Section 21 no fault evictions; and urges the Government to stop delaying and to act now.

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**1091 Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property rights for creative workers**Tabled: **25/04/23** Signatories: **4**

**Sarah Olney**  
**John McDonnell**  
**John Spellar**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House acknowledges the cultural and economic importance of the UK's world-leading creative industry; notes that Intellectual Property rights protect the integrity of original work and provide a revenue stream for creative workers through licensing; believes that creative workers should be able to retain copyright protections over their work that is used to train artificial intelligence platforms; further notes that whilst innovation within AI presents significant opportunities across a wide variety of industries, it also poses regulatory and ethical challenges; calls on the Government to scrap proposals to grant AI an exception to copyright for text and data mining for any purpose; agrees with the Lords Digital Communications Select Committee that these proposals were misguided; and urges the Government to consult widely across the creative industries to ensure that the proposed Code of Practice for text and data mining and the regulatory framework set out in the AI Regulation White Paper do not undermine intellectual property rights of creative workers.

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**1092 Ynys Enlli, dark sky sanctuary**Tabled: **25/04/23** Signatories: **5**

**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Jon Trickett**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Ben Lake**

That this House congratulates all those involved in Ynys Enlli's designation as a dark sky sanctuary by the International Dark Sky Association, making its skies the darkest in Europe; notes that this designation recognises the unique skies of Ynys Enlli, which is home to a thriving fishery, high nature value farming, and Wales's oldest bird observatory; acknowledges that the island is part of a growing network of dark skies across Wales, and will be celebrated throughout 2023 with events across North Wales; highlights its unique position of being Wales's only year-round island based community striving to manage its natural resources for both wildlife and people; and calls for much-needed investment to safeguard its 150 year old heritage buildings for future generations living on Ynys Enlli.

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**1093 Promotion of Loughgall Football Club**Tabled: **25/04/23** Signatories: **2**

**Carla Lockhart**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**

That this House congratulates Loughgall Football Club on winning the NIFL Lough 41 Championship title and securing promotion to the NIFL Danske Bank Premiership for the 2023-24 season; commends the players, coaches, manager Dean Smith and the club committee for achieving this success; recognises that this feat makes Loughgall Europe's smallest settlement with a top-flight team; and extends its best wishes to the club for next season and for ongoing success.

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**1094 Gilford Bowling Club**Tabled: **25/04/23** Signatories: **2**

**Carla Lockhart**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**

That this House extends congratulations to Gilford Bowling Club on winning the indoor bowling Irish Championships; recognises the success of Gilford's four winners, Jenny Wilson, Eddie Campbell, Andrew Leckey and Patricia Mark-Bell; and wishes the Club well for the future and for ongoing success.

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**1095 Banbridge Hockey Club Men's Team**Tabled: **25/04/23** Signatories: **2**

**Carla Lockhart**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**

That this House extends congratulations to Banbridge Hockey Club Men's Team on winning the EYHL Champions Trophy; commends the players, coaches and Club Committee for this outstanding achievement; and wishes the Club ongoing success.

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**1096 Banbridge Rugby Football Club Under 18**Tabled: **25/04/23** Signatories: **2****Carla Lockhart**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**

That this House congratulates Banbridge Rugby Football Club Under 18 on winning the Ulster Carpets Youth Cup at the Kingspan Stadium, Belfast, with a victory over Coleraine RFC; recognises the depth of talent within the squad and the contribution made by all players and coaches in securing this victory; and wishes the team well for ongoing success.

**1097 Civil Service Pay Remit**Tabled: **25/04/23** Signatories: **16****Chris Stephens**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Beth Winter**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**Caroline Lucas****Jon Trickett**  
**Wayne David**  
**Mick Whitley****Jonathan Edwards**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Richard Burgon****Dan Carden**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck**

That this House notes the recently published pay remit guidance for the civil service for 2023 to 2024 which has been set at a average of 4.5 per cent across Government departments following an insulting imposed pay award of two per cent for 2022 to 2023; observes that departments have been advised to make sure such awards are affordable within their spending settlements; is alarmed that this derisory pay offer does nothing to tackle years of endemic low pay across the civil service and is an insult to the hard working and dedicated civil servants who have shown time and again that they are the backbone of this country; is aware that food inflation rose at the fastest rate for more than 45 years in the 12 months to March reaching 19.2 per cent with the inflation rate still above 10 per cent; is concerned that any pay award below the current rate of inflation is a pay cut and civil service workers will continue to struggle to pay bills, heat their homes and feed their families unless the Government puts more money on the table; notes that over 130,000 members of the Public and Commercial Services Union will walk out on their third day of national action in their ongoing dispute over pay, pensions and conditions and; and calls on the Government to get back round the negotiating table and show respect to their workforce by offering them a real terms pay rise and a fair and decent pension.

**1098 Jessica Robson marathon record**Tabled: **25/04/23** Signatories: **2****Angela Crawley**  
**Alyn Smith**

That this house congratulates Jessica Robson for running the London Marathon in a time of two hours, 59 minutes and 27 seconds; notes that her achievement marks the first time that a Scottish female athlete under 20 has completed a marathon in under three hours and is a new national record; acknowledges the hard work and effort that former Lanark Grammar pupil Jessica has dedicated to her training in order to complete the marathon in a record time; commends Jessica for her work on Scottish Athletics' Young People's Forum, and with Kyniska Advocacy, an organisation advocating for progressive policies in women's sport, enacting change through education,

advocating and support; and wishes Jessica well in her studies at the University of Stirling and for her future athletic endeavours.

## 1099 **Bahrain Interior Minister Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa visit to the UK**

Tabled: 25/04/23 Signatories: 4

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Nadia Whittome**  
**Richard Burgon**

That this House strongly condemns the visit by Bahraini Minister of Interior Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa to the UK in April 2023; regrets that he was conducting meetings with high-level officials including the Home Secretary and a minister at the Foreign Office as such meetings seriously undermine the UK's credibility and its claims to hold human rights abusers to account and facilitates the whitewashing of crimes of torture and unlawful imprisonment; further regrets the timing of his visit which coincided with a policy of systematic denial of medical treatment against political prisoners including Abdulwahab Hussain, Sheikh Abduljalil Al-Muqdad, Hassan Mushaima and Abduljalil Al-Singace; notes that Al-Singace has been on solid food strike since July 2021 demanding the return of his confiscated manuscripts; expresses concern that Minister Al Khalifa has overseen the systematic persecution of human rights defenders, journalists and opposition activists in Bahrain and the terrorising of civil society since at least 2011; denounces that peaceful critics of the Bahraini Government are subjected to arbitrary imprisonment, torture and sexual assault; notes that despite ultimate responsibility for serious crimes perpetrated during the 2011 uprising, including the murder of several dissidents, Minister Al Khalifa remains in his role; and calls on the Government to apply Magnitsky Act sanctions to Minister Rashid Al Khalifa for his protracted role in overseeing a culture of abuse and a climate of impunity in Bahrain.

## 1100 **Seasonal Worker visa scheme**

Tabled: 25/04/23 Signatories: 8

**Tony Lloyd**  
**Jon Trickett**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Dan Carden**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Ben Lake**

Liz Saville Roberts

Claudia Webbe

That this House notes the report by The Bureau of Investigative Journalism into the exploitation of agricultural seasonal workers; recognises the identified risks of exploitation for workers entering the UK on the agricultural seasonal worker visa, including debt, bullying, wage theft and substandard accommodation; highlights the importance of recruitment to the scheme being safe and accountable and complying with the Employer Pays Principle as well as the International Labour Organization definition of recruitment fees and related costs; calls on the Government to commit to urgently address the identified risks to seasonal workers before the scheme is extended or expanded and to introduce measures which allow better monitoring of compliance with employment law and labour standards on the scheme; further calls on the Government to clarify departmental responsibility for the scheme and departmental accountability for access to and enforcement of rights under employment law for seasonal workers; additionally calls on the Government to ensure that there is transparency about the scheme by publishing an annual report including recruitment

supply chains, working conditions, hours and earnings in the UK and complaints and redress to inform planning and decision making; and urges the relevant select committees to conduct an inquiry into the scheme to establish whether seasonal workers are able to exercise their rights and access UK employment law and compensation schemes where needed without risking their work, visa or income.