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New EDMs

1113 Tennis Scotland Awards 2023

Tabled: 2/05/23 Signatories: 1

Wendy Chamberlain

That the House congratulates the University of St Andrews on their recent success in the annual Tennis Scotland awards; understands that the university was awarded the University of the Year title for the second time; notes that the award follows what has been described as a stellar season for the university's players, including two promotions and no demotions, a Scottish Student Sport champion title, and two players reaching the British Universities and College Sport individuals finals; congratulates all the university's coaches, volunteers, the University Tennis Club committee members and all those who contributed to the success in the awards; recognises that the Tennis Scotland Awards celebrate the contributions of groups and individuals who are dedicated to the growth of the sport; emphasises the importance of sport in universities and wider society and the particular role of tennis; commends the University of St Andrews for their work to develop the sport of tennis; and wishes their players continued success in the coming season.

1114 Media freedoms in Hong Kong and the case of Jimmy Lai and Apple Daily

Tabled: 2/05/23 Signatories: 1

Mr Alistair Carmichael

That this House welcomes the report recently published by the All Party Parliamentary Group on Hong Kong on Media Freedom in Hong Kong: The Case of Jimmy Lai and Apple Daily; laments the rapid deterioration of media freedom and human rights in Hong Kong since the introduction of the draconian National Security Law; deplores the denial of bail and access to his chosen legal representation for Jimmy Lai, founder of the now defunct pro-democracy newspaper Apple Daily; denounces the sentencing to prison of Lai on spurious fraud charges; calls upon His Majesty's Government to implement the report's recommendations, treating the case of Jimmy Lai, a British citizen, as a political priority; deplores the use by the puppet regime in Hong Kong of the national

security law and a litany of other laws to target Jimmy Lai, other journalists and pro-democracy activists; and considers that a meeting between the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary and Jimmy Lai's family is long overdue.

1115 Charlie Robertson, Tennis Scotland's Junior Player of the Year

Tabled: 2/05/23 Signatories: 1

Dave Doogan

That this House congratulates Charlie Robertson for winning Tennis Scotland's Junior Player of the Year Award; commends him for his outstanding year on court including winning his first International Tennis Federation junior title in Liverpool in November 2022; notes his rise to career-high ranking number 67 in the world junior rankings at the end of March this year; and wishes Charlie every success in the future.

1116 Fourth annual Lesbian Visibility Week

Tabled: 2/05/23 Signatories: 1

Hannah Bardell

That this House recognises the fourth annual Lesbian Visibility Week, which aims to show solidarity with all LGBTQI woman and non binary people, celebrate lesbians and is a voice for unity to lift up all women, especially those from marginalised communities; congratulates Lesbian Visibility Week founder Linda Riley for her long-standing commitment to diversity and inclusion and her work to empower the LGBTQ+ community; and further notes the importance of Lesbian Visibility Week in celebrating and supporting lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer women across the UK and beyond to be their true selves at work, at home and socially.

1117 Scottish Disability Golf and Curling

Tabled: 2/05/23 Signatories: 1

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House congratulates the charity Scottish Disability Golf and Curling on holding its 500th curling event in March and 900th round of golf on 5 May 2023; notes that the Scottish Disability Golf and Curling has held games at over 250 of Scotland's golf courses and welcomes the support of golf and curling clubs in enabling the participation of golfers and curlers with disabilities; further notes the importance of sports participation by people with disabilities, for both individual health and wellbeing and to help reduce the stigma and discrimination associated with disability; and looks forward to welcoming the 2024 Phoenix Cup to St Andrews, the home of golf.

1118 Freedom of expression and use of counter-terrorism powers (No. 2)

Tabled: 2/05/23 Signatories: 1

John McDonnell

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 are 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.

1119 Firefighters Memorial Day 2023

Tabled: 2/05/23 Signatories: 1

Zarah Sultana

That this House joins with firefighters across the UK to mark Firefighters Memorial Day, remembering the bravery and sacrifice of over 2,300 firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty, including firefighter Barry Martin who was critically injured whilst tackling a fire in Edinburgh in January 2023 and died a short time later of his injuries; extends its sympathies to all bereaved families of fallen firefighters; acknowledges the good work of the Fire Brigades Union's Red Plaque project and Firefighters Memorial Trust in honouring firefighters who have lost their lives serving and protecting their communities with commemorative ceremonies to unveil plaques recording their names across the country and on the Firefighters Memorial near St Paul's Cathedral; applauds the selflessness and commitment of all UK firefighters who every day stand ready to risk their own lives to save others and to protect their communities from fires, floods, terror attacks and numerous other emergency situations; and recognises and pays tribute to the work of firefighters throughout the pandemic, and stands in solidarity with the families of firefighters who lost their lives to covid.

1120 Treatment of fortified wine in the new alcohol duty system

Tabled: 2/05/23 Signatories: 5

Daisy Cooper
Sir Graham Brady
Charlotte Nichols
Marsha De Cordova
Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House notes the disproportionately harsh treatment of fortified wine businesses as a result of the new alcohol duty system and the recently-announced alcohol excise duty rate increases, due to come into force on 1 August 2023; further notes the lack of any transitional easement mechanism for fortified wines made from fresh grapes, and the exclusion of fortified wine products from the temporary transitional easement for wines between 11.5-14.5 per cent alcohol by volume; calls on the Government to extend the top end of the current easement for wine to 15 per cent to bring it in line with existing legal definitions and reduce red tape; further calls on the Government to create a transitional easement for fortified wine products made from fresh grapes which have a protected designation of origin; recommends that such an easement operate similarly to the existing easement for wines of fresh grapes, using an alcohol by volume range of 15.5-20 per cent and a fixed midpoint of 17.5 per cent alcohol by volume at which all wines in this range are taxed; and notes that the UK's fortified wine import market is one of the most competitive globally, and that inevitable price increases will stifle consumer demand without appropriate mitigations for fortified wine companies.

1121 Judicial review on miscarriages of justice between 1982 and 2016

Tabled: 2/05/23 Signatories: 1

Liz Saville Roberts

That this House notes the series of cases since the 1980s investigated by South Wales Police force that resulted in wrongful convictions; further notes the devastating impact that wrongful accusation and imprisonment can have on people subject to miscarriages of justice; expresses concern that many of the perpetrators of these crimes have yet to be found; and calls on the Ministry of Justice to organise a judicial inquiry into all miscarriages of justice that took place between 1982 and 2016.

1122 Child poverty in the north of England

Tabled: 2/05/23 Signatories: 1

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

That this House is deeply concerned by the warnings of the Child of the North APPG report on Child Poverty and the Cost of Living Crisis that the aftermath of covid-19, increasing child poverty and cost of living pressures has pushed vulnerable families in the north of England to the edge and created a situation which could see disastrous effects for generations; notes that children in the north have a nearly 34 per cent chance of living in poverty, with some areas tackling levels above 40 per cent, alongside being more likely to live in food and fuel insecure homes than those in the rest of England; and urges the Government to act on the report recommendations including increasing child benefit by up to £20 a week, expanding Free School Meals to all children whose families receive Universal Credit, expanding and auto-enrolling the Healthy Start Scheme, ensuring consistent food provisions during school holidays and actions to improve the energy efficiency of homes.

1123 World Press Freedom Day

Tabled: 2/05/23 Signatories: 1

Grahame Morris

That this House notes that 2023 represents the thirtieth anniversary of the proclamation of an international day of press freedom; recognises the importance of World Press Freedom Day on 3 May 2023; further notes that the day allows citizens to commemorate journalists who have lost their lives and reminds citizens of the importance of a free press for democracy and human rights; believes that journalists everywhere across the globe have a right to hold the powerful to account without fear of persecution; notes that a report from the International Federation of Journalists shockingly identified at least 68 killings of media professionals in work-related incidents in 2022, whilst over five hundred journalists languished in jails; commends the National Union of Journalists in the UK and Ireland for their tireless campaigning work to defend press freedom; and calls on the Government to uphold press freedom at home and exert diplomatic influence overseas to end impunity for the killing and intimidation of journalists.

1124 Dundee Comets and the Scottish Cup

Tabled: 2/05/23 Signatories: 1

Chris Law

That this House congratulates Dundee Comets on their successful 2022/23 campaign; notes that the Comets were crowned 2022/2023 Scottish Cup champions following victory over Aberdeen Lynx in front of a sold-out event; further notes that the Comets were also successful in the Scottish

Ice Hockey Playoff Championship, beating Aberdeen Lynx in the final; recognises the continued importance and contributions of ice hockey clubs like the Comets to Dundee's sporting community; and wishes all at the club, and in particular the players, management and volunteers, all the best for the year ahead.

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.

1086 Voter ID requirements

Tabled: **24/04/23** Signatories: **35**

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

Pete Wishart

Patricia Gibson

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: **21**

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

Patricia Gibson

Apsana Begum

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.

1091 Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property rights for creative workers

Tabled: 25/04/23 Signatories: 8

Sarah Olney
John McDonnell
John Spellar
Chris Stephens
Caroline Lucas
Jamie Stone

Sir Peter Bottomley

Pete Wishart

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.

1097 Civil Service Pay Remit

Tabled: 25/04/23 Signatories: 27

Chris Stephens
John McDonnell
Liz Saville Roberts
Beth Winter
Jeremy Corbyn
Caroline Lucas

David Linden

Apsana Begum

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.

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

Tabled: **25/04/23** Signatories: **9**

Kenny MacAskill
Claudia Webbe
Nadia Whittome
Richard Burgon
Kate Osborne
Zarah Sultana

Martyn Day

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: **14**

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

Apsana Begum

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.

1103 Scope Disability Price Tag research

Tabled: 26/04/23 Signatories: 25

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

Tim Farron
Stuart C McDonald

Alyn Smith

Carol Monaghan

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.

1108 Plastic Free Yr Wyddfa Business Scheme

Tabled: 27/04/23 Signatories: 6

Hywel Williams
Jonathan Edwards
John McDonnell
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Claudia Webbe

That this House commends Eryri National Park Authority for the launch of its Plastic Free Yr Wyddfa Business Scheme; notes the exciting vision to begin a Plastic Free Path to reducing single-use plastics and creating a thriving, sustainable visitor economy to protect the future of Yr Wyddfa; acknowledges that Yr Wyddfa is Wales' most popular tourist attraction and Wales and England's tallest mountain; applauds the Park Authority for working with Bangor University to study behavioural change strategies for visitors and new waste management technologies for local businesses; highlights that their survey work shows that 85 per cent of people take responsibility for their rubbish and 71 per cent of people take it home with them; and encourages everyone to help keep Yr Wyddfa plastic free.

1110 Worker Protection (Amendment of Equality Act 2010) Bill

Tabled: 27/04/23 Signatories: 19

Wera Hobhouse
Wendy Chamberlain
Jamie Stone
Layla Moran
John McDonnell
Allan Dorans

Liz Saville Roberts
Richard Foord
Olivia Blake

Ben Lake
Alison Thewliss
Mr Alistair Carmichael

Hywel Williams
Helen Morgan
Claudia Webbe

That this House supports reforms to sexual harassment laws to ensure that employers maintain safe and respectful workplaces for all women; continues to support the Worker Protection (Amendment of Equality Act 2010) Bill; and calls on the Government to ensure it continues to prioritise the Bill and give it the time it needs to pass through Parliament.