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# Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 29 June 2023

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# **New EDMs**

1399 Working conditions of rail workers employed by Carlisle Support Services

Tabled: 29/06/23 Signatories: 6

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Signatories: 1

Cat Smith
lan Mearns
Grahame Morris
Kate Hollern
Charlotte Nichols
Mick Whitley

That this House pays tribute to the important public-facing work of outsourced Revenue and Gateline staff employed by Carlisle Support Services on Northern Trains stations; notes with concern that these staff are enduring a rising tide of passenger violence, including cases of serious assault; is dismayed that these keyworkers are employed on exploitative annualised hours contracts that guarantee them only a small proportion of their rostered hours, leaving them in perpetual fear of losing hours of work if they raise issues in their workplace; is shocked to learn that despite working alongside Gateline staff directly employed by Northern Trains Ltd, Carlisle Support Services staff have vastly inferior contracts, pay rates and conditions; believes that Carlisle Support Services workers should have proper employment contracts that reflect their normal rostered hours as well as sick pay and travel facilities equivalent to Northern Trains staff; calls on Carlisle to negotiate improved pay and conditions with the RMT without delay and further calls on Northern Trains to bring these workers in-house when the contract ends and employ them directly..

1400 Age discrimination

**Tim Farron** 

That this House recognises ageism as a form of discrimination that has no place in a modern society; notes that the exclusion of skilled older people from the workforce is a blight on the economy and

deprives the workforce of both highly-skilled and experienced workers; further notes that research by workingwise.co.uk found that two-fifths of older workers have experienced age discrimination at work and that 84 per cent said that it was harder to get shortlisted for jobs because of their age; urges age to be upheld just as firmly as any other protected characteristic; recognises that ill health is also a major barrier to older people joining the workforce; and believes that fixing the NHS social care crisis would be a key way to unlock the potential of the older workforce.

# **Added Names**

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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.

## 1327 Improved public transport to support cleaner air

Tabled: 15/06/23 Signatories: 24

Grahame Morris Andy McDonald Ian Mearns Chris Stephens Kim Johnson Rachael Maskell

Kate Osborne

That this House welcomes initiatives such as Clean Air Day, which this year is on 15 June, and highlights the need to support improvements in air quality and public health; notes that poor air quality exists in the transport sector, arising from a failure to introduce affordable and attractive alternatives to private car use and a continuing reliance on diesel for rail and bus services; welcomes the RMT union's campaign to improve air quality in the workplace environment, which will benefit the health of communities, passengers and workers, and encourages transport companies to work with the RMT to meet the union's concerns; further notes that Network Rail has admitted that it is "almost impossible" to achieve its targets to electrify the railway and to reduce reliance diesel trains; believes that the fragmented and privatised nature of much of public transport, alongside cuts to funding, services, jobs and skills, mitigates against a proper and deliverable plan to reduce emissions; and calls on the Government to recognise the vital role of public transport in delivering clean air by investing to deliver a radically expanded and affordable public transport network.

## 1338 100th anniversary of Glentoran Supporters 1923 Committee

Tabled: 19/06/23 Signatories: 7

Gavin Robinson
Jim Shannon
Sir Mike Penning
Conor McGinn
Carla Lockhart
Paul Girvan

Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House marks the 100th anniversary of the Glentoran Supporters 1923 Committee; notes that this supporters club is the oldest football supporters club in Northern Ireland and has a proud record of volunteering in their support of Glentoran FC; further notes that this includes being at forefront of the Back to the Oval campaign, following the stadium's destruction in World War II

and, since 1946, producing the match day Glentoran Gazette which recently won the prestigious Programme of the Year for the 22nd consecutive year; and commends members, past and present, for their dedication and many achievements over the past century.

## 1344 Prescription charges

Margaret Greenwood Mary Kelly Foy Jim Shannon Jonathan Edwards Jon Trickett Kim Johnson

Kate Osborne

That this House welcomes the latest report from the Prescription Charges Coalition entitled Continuing to pay the price published in March 2023 which demonstrates that vital medicine is unaffordable for many people living with long-term health conditions in England and that there has been an increase in the number of people taking time off work because they are unable to afford their medicine; is concerned that the report shows that the NHS services which people rely on are overstretched; restates its commitment to the NHS as a universal service free at the point of need and its belief that access to medication is a fundamental right; is deeply concerned that increased NHS waiting times are likely to leave people with long-term conditions relying on medication longer to manage their pain and health conditions; expresses its concern that some patients are not collecting prescriptions that they need because of the cost; and calls on the Government to scrap prescription charges.

# 1345 The Ministerial Code and parliamentary standards

Tabled: 20/06/23 Signatories: 33

Tabled: 19/06/23

Signatories: 14

Dawn Butler Ian Blackford Mary Kelly Foy Bell Ribeiro-Addy Wendy Chamberlain Claire Hanna

Richard Thomson Mohammad Yasin Colum Eastwood Kate Osborne Marsha De Cordova Geraint Davies

That this House believes that trust in the Ministerial Code has been eroded; further believes that the Prime Minister should no longer be the guardian of the Code as this does not provide necessary safeguards; and calls for steps to be taken to make the House of Commons responsible for deciding whether alleged breaches should be investigated and determining whether Ministers have breached the Code.

## 1362 Young Lives vs Cancer report

Tabled: 21/06/23 Signatories: 16

Sir George Howarth Charlotte Nichols Jonathan Edwards Rebecca Long Bailey Amy Callaghan Ian Lavery

Mohammad Yasin

Caroline Lucas

That this House notes the Young Lives vs Cancer report entitled Running on Empty which explores the costs that young cancer patients and their families face when travelling for treatment; expresses concern at the finding in the report that it costs young cancer patients and their families on average £250 per month and, depending on their location, can be far higher in some cases; expresses strong concern that, consequently, 27 per cent are having to cut back on food, 20 per cent are falling behind in paying bills, 20 per cent are having to sell their possessions, 10 per cent are having to delay or miss treatment and, in some cases, are having to give up their homes as they are unable to meet housing costs; further notes the report's conclusion that the current support available is inadequate with only 12 per cent of families receiving any support to cover travel costs; draws attention to the report's conclusion that, cumulatively, this can have significant negative impacts on young cancer patients and their families' financial security, health and well-being and future prosperity, leaving them running on empty; and supports Young Lives vs Cancer's call for the establishment of a Government-funded young cancer patient travel fund to address this unfairness.

# Save the Children's report on the cost of raising a family in 2023

Tabled: 26/06/23 Signatories: 2

## David Linden Caroline Lucas

That this House commends the recent report by Save the Children entitled Just barely surviving: The cost of raising a family in 2023, which documents how the cost-of-living crisis and increasing inflation combined with the inadequate social security system is plunging families with children into poverty and hardship; highlights the report's findings that a single parent with one child would on average need to spend an additional £3,100 in 2023-24 to get the same basket of goods and services that they would have bought in 2019-20 and that this rises to almost £5,600 or over £100 per week for a couple with three children; agrees with the report's recommendations that include implementing a child poverty strategy, abolishing the two child limit, scrapping the benefit cap and ensuring that any future cost-of-living payments vary by family size; and urges the Government to consider the findings and recommendations of the report.

## 1369 Apprentices and the Living Wage

Sir George Howarth Jim Shannon Jon Trickett Chris Stephens Caroline Lucas

That this House recognises the challenges faced by apprentices, especially at this time of high inflation and a cost of living crisis, notes that four out of five apprentices surveyed by the NUS required additional assistance to cover their living expenses, often resorting to credit cards or

Tabled: 26/06/23 Signatories: 5

personal savings due to their low wages, notes that 64 per cent of apprentices said that their wage did not cover the cost of their energy bills and 59 per cent said it did not comfortably cover their cost of living, further notes that Workpays, a prominent training provider, states that low pay is deterring potential candidates from pursuing apprenticeships, recognises The Withers review which states that low wages are reducing the attractiveness of apprenticeships; further recognises that analysis by FE Week of the Government's Find an Apprenticeship website revealed that 50 per cent of intermediate level apprenticeships were advertised at the then legal minimum wage of £4.81 per hour; and calls on the Government to support the recommendation of the NUS, the National Society of Apprentices, the TUC and the Government's own Social Mobility Commission, that apprentices should be paid the Real Living Wage.

#### 1371 **25** Years of Amina Muslim Women's Resource Centre

Tabled: 26/06/23 Signatories: 5

Tabled: **27/06/23** 

Signatories: 6

Alison Thewliss Jim Shannon Apsana Begum Chris Stephens Mohammad Yasin

That this House acknowledges the 25th anniversary of the founding of Amina, the Muslim Women's Resource Centre (MWRC), which works to empower Muslim and BAME women across Scotland; acknowledges that to this day, BAME and Muslim women remain one of the most disadvantaged groups in the UK with poor access to health, housing and financial support, high rates of unemployment, and discrimination based on their gender, ethnicity and religion; welcomes Amina MWRC's longstanding commitment to tackling these issues via domestic abuse advocacy, financial advice, the Amina Hardship Fund, employability and language training, and device loaning services; notes Amina MWRC is widely recognised as the chief national hub for consultation with Muslim and BAME women across Scotland; congratulates Amina MWRC on this momentous occasion; and wishes them all the best in all future endeavours.

# 1377 Caernarfon Pride

Hywel Williams Liz Saville Roberts Ben Lake Jonathan Edwards Chris Stephens Mary Kelly Foy

That this House celebrates the success of the first ever Caernarfon Pride, held on 24 June 2023; congratulates Balchder Gogledd Cymru, North Wales Pride for organising the event and for their hard work and dedication to inclusion and diversity in north Wales; praises the work of those involved in officiating the parade and associated celebrations which enabled people from across the region to celebrate and come together; thanks local businesses for their show of support and unity; further notes that although significant progress has been made to improve the lives of LGBTQ+ people, there are still improvements to be made to support the advancement of LGBTQ+ rights; and looks forward to future Pride gatherings in Caernarfon in years to come.

## 1378 Gavin's Mill, Scotsman Scran Award

Tabled: 27/06/23 Signatories: 4

Amy Callaghan Martin Docherty-Hughes Chris Stephens Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Gavin's Mill Café for winning the Hidden Gem category at the Scotsman Scran Awards; recognises the importance and value of their fair trade and sustainability policies; commends them on their range of zero waste goods and local produce which helps to champion local suppliers as well as promote environmentally friendly consumption; thanks the team at Gavin Mill for their hard work and dedication in providing these fantastic services to our community; and further thanks The Scotsman for recognising the importance of promoting these values.

## 1379 Knox Academy's fundraising for the Teenage Cancer Trust

Tabled: 27/06/23 Signatories: 3

Kenny MacAskill Chris Stephens Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates pupils, staff and parents from Knox Academy in Haddington, East Lothian, on raising more than £4,500 by participating in the Edinburgh Marathon Festival in aid of Teenage Cancer Trust; understands that the contenders ran and raised money in support of a student who was diagnosed with a rare type of bone cancer in October 2022; notes that the goal was to raise £3,000, and that pupils and staff had previously tackled the Edinburgh Marathon Festival in aid of East Lothian Special Needs Play-scheme; commends Kelly McInnes on completing the full marathon, Lana Borwick, Oscar Pirie, Ollie Craig, Alicia Coyle, Jacob Hippie, Connor Wightman, Sam Hutchison, Cain Coles and Calum McBain on completing the half marathon, and Leo Harrison, Rebecca Halliwell, Robert Flood, Olivia Dale, Jenny Wright, Isla Kilkenny, Ellen Davidson, Gemma Scott and Carys McKnight on completing the 10k route; and wishes everyone the very best of luck with their futures and future fundraising efforts.

## 1380 Chris Harvie's fundraising for motor neurone disease charity

Tabled: 27/06/23 Signatories: 3

Kenny MacAskill Chris Stephens Jim Shannon

That this House commends the fundraising efforts of former Port Seton resident, Chris Harvie, who will cycle from Murrayfield to Malta to raise funds for the MND charity My Name'5 Doddie Foundation; understands that Chris now lives in Manchester and was a craft, design, technology and guidance teacher at Preston Lodge High School; acknowledges that Chris' brother-in-law and a former colleague both passed away after their battles with MND; notes that Chris' journey began in April 2023 and he hopes to conclude his cycle by the end of June 2023; and wishes Chris the very best of luck with his cycle and all the best for the future.

## 45th anniversary of the massacre of Elim missionaries in the Vumba

Tabled: 27/06/23 Signatories: 4

Jim Shannon Carla Lockhart Tim Farron Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House remembers and honours the memory of Elim missionaries Peter and Sandra McCann and their children Philip and Joy, Philip and Susanne Evans and their daughter Rebecca, Roy and Joyce Lynn and their daughter Pamela Grace and Wendy White, Catherine Picken and Mary Fisher who were slaughtered during their service to God in the Vumba on 23 June 1978; extends to the families who remain most sincere sympathy on the 45th anniversary of this atrocity; highlights the Elim Church's Mission Sunday designated to continue to fundraise on this date to practically show the love of God in countries across the world in honour of those who loved not their lives even unto death; and reaffirms sincere thanks to those who give of their time and talents to be the hands and feet of Christ in this needy world.

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### 1383 **Nuclear test veterans**

Tabled: 27/06/23 Signatories: 25

Owen Thompson
Carol Monaghan
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Angela Crawley
Rebecca Long Bailey
Kim Johnson

Sir John Hayes Brendan O'Hara Jim Shannon Mary Kelly Foy Patricia Gibson Deidre Brock

That this House acknowledges the treatment of nuclear test veterans in Scotland and the rest of the UK; notes their continuing battle for justice and recognition for their role; further notes with disappointment the latest delay to the issuing of a medal to these veterans; further acknowledges their ongoing anger and frustration; affirms the nation's duty of care to this group of people; further applauds the works of Labrats International, a campaigning group for descendants of atomic testing programs across the world; and backs calls to the Government to fully support these veterans and their families.

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# 1384 Indigenous peoples in Brazil

Tabled: 27/06/23 Signatories: 10

Tony Lloyd Jonathan Edwards Jon Trickett Hywel Williams Ben Lake Liz Saville Roberts

Jim Shannon Caroline Lucas

That this House is concerned about reports that Bill PL 2903, formerly Bill PL490, in Brazil could, inter alia, invalidate indigenous peoples' claims to their ancestral lands and result in their forced displacement and the obliteration of their communities; notes this proposed legislation is expected to allow for mining, logging, ranching, and agribusiness, and the continuation of such activities now being carried out illegally, on these lands; further notes this Bill is strongly backed

by relevant commercial lobbies and opposed by indigenous peoples and their international allies; supports Brazil's hosting of COP 30 in 2025; encourages both at the conference and more generally President Lula da Silva's Government to build on steps already taken to engage and collaborate with indigenous communities, widely regarded as the most effective guardians of the Amazon rainforests; and calls on the UK Government to continue working with civil society organisations, among others, to bolster Brazil's efforts in protecting indigenous peoples, including uncontacted tribes who are deemed to be especially vulnerable, and their territories.

## 1385 **25th anniversary of the Drumcree dispute**

Tabled: 28/06/23 Signatories: 3

Carla Lockhart Mr Gregory Campbell Jim Shannon

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That this House notes that Sunday 2 July 2023 will mark the 25th anniversary of the Drumcree parading dispute in Portadown; regrets that the Parades Commission continues to deny the brethren of Portadown District LOL 1 their right to return home from an act of worship via their traditional route; expresses dismay that despite the willingness of Portadown District to engage in direct or indirect dialogue with residents to find compromise to end the dispute, this has been rejected by the Garvaghy Road Residents Coalition; and calls on the Government to assess whether the Parades Commission is fulfilling its duties under the Public Processions (NI) Act 1998 to promote and facilitate mediation as a means of resolving disputes concerning public processions in relation to this parade.

# 1386 Television and Radio Industries Club awards 2023

Tabled: 28/06/23 Signatories: 2

Mr Gregory Campbell Jim Shannon

That this House notes the recent Television and Radio Industries Club awards ceremony; recognises the changes made by the organisers in the way winning individuals and programmes were chosen this year; and expresses the hope that irrespective of the opinions of many in the news industry regarding some of those who won on this occasion, that widening the voting base of those deciding the winners to include thousands of people who actually watch and listen to the programmes should become the norm.

# 1387 Basque peace process and policy on prisoner dispersal

Tabled: 28/06/23 Signatories: 3

Sir George Howarth Jim Shannon Caroline Lucas

That this House welcomes news of the end of the policy of prisoner dispersal applied to Basque politically motivated prisoners for over 30 years and that the remaining 156 prisoners are now held in jails in the Basque country; agrees that this is a positive step towards a lasting and just peace in the Basque country, Spain, France and Western Europe as a whole; finds this news particularly topical in the context of the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday agreement and the successful peace-building measures it enabled, such as the prisoner release scheme; notes that peace efforts in the Basque country and elsewhere have taken inspiration from the latter; commends the efforts of the many people, organisations and institutions who have worked over the years to achieve peace

in the Basque country; calls for outstanding issues to be addressed in a positive and comprehensive manner, including the ongoing application of standard penitentiary law to remaining prisoners; commits to follow events in the Basque country and to work so that peace takes firm root and the events of the past never happen again; and urges the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs to encourage such efforts.

## 1388 Graeme Johnston, Scotland's Youth Worker of 2023

Tabled: 28/06/23 Signatories: 2

## Patricia Gibson Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Graeme Johnston on receiving the prestigious title of Scotland's Youth Worker of the Year 2023; acknowledges that this recognition builds on Graeme's previous accolade of Youth Worker of the Year in 2017; understands that the Youth Worker of the Year Awards recognises a youth worker with a passion and dedication to improving the lives of young people through youth work; notes that since Graeme started working with Arran Youth Foundations (AYF) in 2011, he has transformed AYF from a poorly attended youth work project into an award-winning organisation, which provides a range of opportunities for young people on the Isle of Arran; further notes that AYF has achieved exceptional participation levels under Graeme's leadership, engaging over 200 young people from a school population of fewer than 230; recognises the important role played by Graeme and all the volunteers at AYF in addressing social isolation, exclusion, lack of opportunity and substance abuse in young people by organising counselling and therapy sessions, making referrals to addiction workers and arranging weekly dropin sessions as well as a summer programme for youths; commends the hard work and dedication of Graeme in enhancing young people's social, emotional and physical well-being and supporting them to attain, achieve and contribute effectively in their communities while also raising a young family of his own on the mainland; and applauds his commitment, impact and leadership as a youth worker on the Isle of Arran.

## 1389 Performance of Matilda at Coaltown of Balgonie Primary School

Tabled: 28/06/23 Signatories: 2

### Peter Grant Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the pupils of Primary 6 and Primary 7 in Coaltown of Balgonie Primary School on their outstanding production of Matilda for their end-of-year show; recognises the enormous challenges involved in performing such a complex and difficult show, especially in a school whose entire roll is only about 100 pupils; notes that this meant even the star soloists had to help out in tasks such as moving scenery during the show; thanks all the teachers, parents and other helpers who supported the production in any way; believes that the success of this production will help the pupils to appreciate that there should be no limits to their ambitions for themselves and their community; commends everyone at the school for helping the pupils to develop into such talented and confident young people; and wishes those who will leave the school at the end of June 2023 every success as they move up to secondary education.

## 1390 Baldernock Primary School

Tabled: 28/06/23 Signatories: 2

## Amy Callaghan Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates the 150th anniversary of Baldernock Primary School; thanks its teachers, staff and parents for the work they do to educate the children of East Dunbartonshire; notes their work has enabled Baldernock Primary to consistently achieve outstanding standards of pupil performance; applauds the children of Baldernock Primary for the history presentation and percussion performance with which they entertained guests at the anniversary celebration; recognises that Baldernock Primary is part of an unbroken lineage of formal education in the parish going back over four hundred years; credits this fine and ancient school as a testament to Scotland's proud and unique history of world-class formal education; and wishes the school all good luck for another successful century.

## 1391 Craigavon Senior High School rugby team

Tabled: 28/06/23 Signatories: 2

## Carla Lockhart Jim Shannon

That this House extends congratulations to Craigavon Senior High School Rugby Team on winning both the High Schools Cup and the Pollock Cup; expresses delight at this achievement and best wishes to all the players and coaching staff; and wishes the school ongoing sporting success in the future.

#### 1392 Father Paul Lee

Tabled: 28/06/23 Signatories: 2

## Peter Grant [R] Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Father Paul Lee of St Agatha's RC Church in Methil and St Giles' RC Church in Kennoway on the 10th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood; notes that shortly after his ordination he accepted the responsibility of being the sole priest covering these two geographically large church communities and that he was subsequently given the formal role of parish priest; thanks Father Paul for the energy and dedication with which he has served both the spiritual and corporeal needs of the people of Levenmouth and beyond; and wishes him many more years of devoted and fulfilling service.

## 1393 Lurgan Town Football Club

Tabled: 28/06/23 Signatories: 2

## Carla Lockhart Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Lurgan Town Football Club on its return to Intermediate A, which it sealed with a 4-1 win over AFC Craigavon, and its victory over Rectory Rangers, which secured a league and cup double; and extends best wishes to the club for the forthcoming 2023-24 season.

# 1394 Lurgan Junior High School

Tabled: 28/06/23 Signatories: 2

Carla Lockhart Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Lurgan Junior High School U13s and U14s in winning five out of six Mid-Ulster Schools Football competitions; recognises the potential within the teams for future sporting success; and wishes the school community well for its ongoing sporting excellence.

# 1395 Bishopbriggs Acro Gymnastics Club 40th anniversary

Tabled: 28/06/23 Signatories: 2

Amy Callaghan Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates the 40th anniversary of Bishopbriggs Acro Gymnastics Club in East Dunbartonshire; acknowledges the work BAGC has done over the decades to promote and encourage Acro Gymnastics as both a competitive and a recreational sport; thanks the club for creating opportunities for young people to engage in healthy and rewarding activities for so many years; applauds the spirit that the club's founders showed by starting such a positive social institution; applauds the resilience that the club has shown by remaining active and relevant through the good times and the bad; and congratulates BAGC and all its members on the fantastic success of its 40th anniversary celebration and wishes them good luck for another fantastic 40 years.

# 1396 The Stables country club, National Bar and Pub Awards

Tabled: 28/06/23 Signatories: 2

Amy Callaghan Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates The Stables country club on being named best in the county and a national finalist at this year's National Bar and Pub Awards; recognises that this award is a testament to the accomplishments of The Stables' staff in the areas of food, drink, design, training, team welfare, sustainability, marketing and many others; celebrates the vital role that local pubs play in our communities as sources of employment and of socialisation; considers historic riverside inns such as The Stables, which has served the people of East Dunbartonshire since the Napoleonic Wars, to be a treasured element of our national character that is worth protecting; admires The Stables for creating a family friendly space for the community, with original dishes for patrons of all ages and deserts celebrating classics of children's literature; and wishes The Stables good luck as it heads to the National Bar and Pub Award finals in London.

# 1397 The Theatre House Bishopbriggs showcase

Tabled: 28/06/23 Signatories: 2

Amy Callaghan Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the The Theatre House Bishopbriggs on the stellar success of its 2023 Schoolz Out showcase; thanks The Theatre House for its work to give the kids in this year's show and so many others a route to develop their creative passions; is impressed by the talent and dedication demonstrated by the young women who performed in this spectacular showcase; cherishes the role that local musical theatre schools such as The Theatre House play in enriching our

cultural and community life; looks forward to next year's season of magnificent musicals; and wishes The Theatre House good luck for its summer camp for little super stars.

# 1398 Local Government

Tabled: 28/06/23 Signatories: 3

Sir Mike Penning Mr David Davis Sir Bernard Jenkin

That the draft Castle Point (Electoral Changes) Order 2023, which was laid before the House on 23 May 2023, be not made.