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New EDMs

1411 **33rd anniversary of the murders of Constables Harry Beckett and Gary Meyer**

Tabled: **4/07/23** Signatories: **1**

Jim Shannon

That this House notes the 33rd anniversary of the murder of two policemen in Belfast on 30 June 1990 highlighting that Constable Harry Beckett and Constable Gary Meyer were walking on Queen Street, when two men shot them in the back of the head; further notes the eye-witness statements of bystanders, who are now coming forward to describe the terrifying attack which underlines the soulless barbarity of the vile murderers; conveys continued deepest sympathies to the families of the policemen, who live with the grief of losing their loved one in such a harrowing manner, knowing that nobody was ever convicted of those murders; and further affirms that they will not be forgotten as communities strive to hold those accountable for the murders of good and honourable serving officers to the full force of the law.

1412 **MPC Energy: Scottish Energy Efficiency Awards prize winner**

Tabled: **4/07/23** Signatories: **1**

Martin Docherty-Hughes

That this House congratulates Clydebank-based MPC Energy on winning the Renewable Heat Installer/Contractor of the Year prize at the Scottish Energy Efficiency Awards; understands that MPC Energy is known as one of the UK's most trusted installers of home energy efficiency improvements and that it offers insulation, heating and renewable installations with some of the UK's top manufacturer products; believes that this award is a testament to the hard work of company director Mark Conroy and his staff as the company continues to expand from its humble beginnings to be a leading business in the energy efficiency industry; wishes MPC Energy well for the future; and thanks MPC Energy for its dedicated and invaluable work in offering services to struggling households.

1413 Will Wilson photography exhibitionTabled: **4/07/23** Signatories: **1****Martin Docherty-Hughes**

That this House congratulates Clydebank photographer Will Wilson on securing an exhibition in Clydebank Museum and Gallery in Clydebank Town Hall to showcase his works; understands that the exhibition will be a mixture of scenic, wildlife and concert photographs ranging over a number of years; believes that this is a fantastic achievement for Will and that patrons will be impressed by what is on show; wishes Will well for the future; and looks forward to seeing his future works.

1414 Alcohol treatment services: Public Accounts Committee ReportTabled: **4/07/23** Signatories: **2****Grahame Morris**
Ian Mearns

That this House welcomes the Public Accounts Committee's report on Alcohol treatment services and shares its concerns; is dismayed that the Department for Health and Social Care appears to lack sufficient understanding of the total cost of alcohol harm; suggests that, in establishing its evidence base, the Department should take account of the widely supported Alcohol Charter of 2018 and comprehensive report by the Commission on Alcohol Harm 2020; is alarmed that alcohol-related hospital admissions and alcohol deaths have been rising while access to treatment has been falling and addiction psychiatry has all but disappeared; recognises that treatment services for alcohol dependency show success rates of around 60 per cent and deliver an estimated £3 benefit immediately for every £1 invested; and calls on the Government to respond to the Committee in a timely fashion and to direct the Department for Health and Social Care to enact swiftly the six recommendations in the Report before many more lives are needlessly blighted and lost.

1415 Palestinians facing persecutionTabled: **4/07/23** Signatories: **3****Andy McDonald**
Crispin Blunt [R]
Tommy Sheppard

That this House recognises that the Palestinian people are under unprecedented attack; notes that the Israeli Government, one of the most right-wing in its history, has launched its biggest military incursion in the West Bank in two decades, is announcing thousands of new illegal settlements on a regular basis, continuing with its expulsions of Palestinians from East Jerusalem and Masafer Yatta and its school and home demolitions, and failing to prevent armed settlers from rampaging through Palestinian villages killing, maiming, and attacking Palestinians and destroying homes, mosques, and agricultural lands; is horrified to note that this year in the West Bank alone the Israeli military has killed more than 170 Palestinians, nearly one per day; further notes that the US Administration has publicly criticised the plans for illegal settlement expansion; is dismayed that instead of taking concrete steps to uphold human rights and international law, the British Government seems determined to shield Israel from accountability, as well as companies complicit in its occupation, by legislating to silence those trying to achieve change through peaceful and democratic means; believes that any suggestion that, alone among peoples facing oppression around the world, Palestinians should be singled out and denied the right to appeal to people of conscience for support is not only wrong but runs counter to the UK's legal obligations and must be rejected; and insists that the ability of public authorities to divest from companies proven to be complicit or responsible for violations of human rights should be defended.

1416 50th Anniversary of the 1st Llandysul Scout GroupTabled: **4/07/23** Signatories: **1****Ben Lake**

That this House congratulates the 1st Llandysul Scout Group on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary; notes that the group held its first camp in August 1973 and continues to support young people to realise their potential; acknowledges the work of the late Mr Mike Walden and Dr John Griffiths, who alongside Mr Cyril Thomas and his wife Mrs Rene Thomas established the Scout Group; further acknowledges the contribution of Marion Bryant MBE, who led the group for more than 40 years; recalls that Marion Bryant received her MBE for services to young people and recognises her compassion and dedication as a driving force for all involved in the group today; praises the work of the current group of young people in the local community and thanks them for their contribution; celebrates the fact that during the past 50 years the group has seen its young people represent Wales at the World Jamboree and has supported more than 700 young people and their families; commends the group for taking to heart the words of the late HRH Queen Elizabeth in striving to be a force for good in the world; and sends the group every good wish as they embark on their anniversary events.

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.

1345 The Ministerial Code and parliamentary standardsTabled: **20/06/23** Signatories: **34**

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

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

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 reportTabled: **21/06/23** Signatories: **21**

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

Angus Brendan MacNeil Chris Stephens

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.

1387 Basque peace process and policy on prisoner dispersalTabled: **28/06/23** Signatories: **11**

Sir George Howarth
 Jim Shannon
 Caroline Lucas
 Angus Brendan MacNeil
 Kenny MacAskill
 Neale Hanvey

Martin Docherty-Hughes Tony Lloyd Chris Stephens

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.

1398 Local GovernmentTabled: **28/06/23** Signatories: **4**

Sir Mike Penning
Mr David Davis
Sir Bernard Jenkin
Anna Firth

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

1399 Working conditions of rail workers employed by Carlisle Support ServicesTabled: **29/06/23** Signatories: **10**

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

Mary Kelly Foy

Chris Stephens

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 discriminationTabled: **29/06/23** Signatories: **5**

Tim Farron
Jonathan Edwards
Mary Kelly Foy
Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart

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.

1401 Support for DHL workers taking strike action on Avanti West Coast

Tabled: 3/07/23 Signatories: 10

Kim Johnson
 Ian Mearns
 Jon Trickett
 Mary Kelly Foy
 Jonathan Edwards
 Martin Docherty-Hughes

Cat Smith
 Chris Stephens

Grahame Morris

Charlotte Nichols

That this House supports rail workers providing catering stores to Avanti West Coast, who are taking strike action in support of their campaign for a fair pay offer from their employer DHL; notes that RPI inflation stands at 11.3 per cent, that interest rates are at 5 per cent and that these workers, like other workers in Britain, are facing a cost-of-living crisis; further notes that these workers have been refused a pay rise this year in spite of the cost-of-living crisis and despite their employer paying out £1.7 billion in dividends to its shareholder and Avanti, which controls the contract, paying out £13.5 million to its FirstGroup parent company last year; is dismayed that these companies are putting the interests of their shareholders over their workers; and calls on the companies involved to settle this dispute by making a pay offer to tackle the cost-of-living crisis.

1402 Father Jim Morris

Tabled: 3/07/23 Signatories: 5

Steven Bonnar
 Mary Kelly Foy
 Jim Shannon
 Martin Docherty-Hughes
 Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Father Jim Morris, Parish Priest of St Gabriel's Viewpark, on the Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood; notes that he was ordained on 29 June 1973 in St Edward's Airdrie and that he served as an Assistant Priest in St Bride's East Kilbride, St Ignatius' Wishaw and St Columba's Viewpark, and finally at St Gabriel's since 1992; thanks him for his commitment, services and friendship to the community and to his Parish; and wishes him all the very best for the future.

1403 Miscarriage Association pregnancy loss pledge

Tabled: 3/07/23 Signatories: 7

Angela Crawley
 Mary Kelly Foy
 Jonathan Edwards
 Jim Shannon
 Martin Docherty-Hughes
 Carla Lockhart

Chris Stephens

That this House commends the progress of the Miscarriage Association's Pregnancy Loss Pledge; congratulates them on reaching the milestone of 600,000 employees being covered by the pledge, including staff of 11 Scottish Councils and large organisations such as TSB, The Co-op and The Princes Trust; appreciates the positive impact that this will have for thousands of employees who are tragically affected by pregnancy loss; condemns workplace discrimination against people affected

by pregnancy loss; recognises that, while many employers wish to support their employees, they often do not have the knowledge or resources to do so; encourages the Government to legislate for paid miscarriage leave to ensure that no one is left behind; and further encourages all hon. Members to sign the pregnancy loss pledge.

1404 50th anniversary of Ceredigion Museum

Tabled: **3/07/23** Signatories: **5**

Ben Lake
Mary Kelly Foy
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens

That this House celebrates the 50th anniversary of Ceredigion Museum; recognises the museum as an award winning, innovative and welcoming museum in the heart of Wales, with a track record of creative development and engagement; praises the museum's ambitious Perthyn project, which explores how the museum's collections can create community in Ceredigion; applauds the museum's contribution to the county's cultural and artistic life and for its strengthening of a sense of community and place by promoting Ceredigion's collective heritage; thanks the team at Ceredigion Museum for their dedicated work over the last 50 years; and wishes them well for the next 50 years.

1405 50th anniversary of Haarkapper Hairdressers

Tabled: **3/07/23** Signatories: **3**

Angela Crawley
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Haarkapper Hairdressers in Larkhall on their 50th anniversary in business; recognises that the salon was established by Margaret Davidson in 1973 and has gone from strength to strength over the last half century; further celebrates the success of this family business which has been run since Margaret's retirement by her daughter Avril Wilson; remembers Margaret's late daughter Sandra Cooper who worked in the salon from a young age and ran the business jointly with her sister; commends the dedicated team of staff past and present for all their hard work in providing a quality service to the people of Larkhall; and sends best wishes to everyone at Haarkapper.

1406 Visit of the Bahraini Crown Prince to the UK

Tabled: **3/07/23** Signatories: **5**

Tony Lloyd
Jonathan Edwards
Kenny MacAskill
Martin Docherty-Hughes
Chris Stephens

That this House is concerned about the visit by Bahraini Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa to the UK; highlights the continued detention of an estimated 1,200 political prisoners, including Abdulwahab Hussain, Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja, Sheikh Ali Salman, Hassan Mushaima and Abduljalil Al-Singace; further notes reports of mistreatment and denial of medical treatment of some political prisoners; condemns the wider context of repression in Bahrain; reiterates misgivings about death penalty convictions, some of which may be carried out imminently, further to allegations of coerced

confessions and other serious violations of fair trial rights; and calls on the UK Government during meetings with the Crown Prince to press for the release of all political prisoners, an urgent review of the death penalty convictions and the reinstatement of the de facto moratorium on judicial executions, and to ensure that any free trade agreement concluded with the Gulf Cooperation Council includes human rights protections and benchmarks.

1407 North Edinburgh Arts funding

Tabled: **3/07/23** Signatories: **4**

Christine Jardine
Jim Shannon
Jamie Stone
Mr Alistair Carmichael

That this House congratulates North Edinburgh Arts (NEA) on their award of £250,000 in the first round of Community Ownership Fund bidding; notes that the charity provides over 30 hours of activities a week for all ages across the Muirhouse community; further understands that the grant will be used to expand the space available for NEA activities at their new MacMillan Hub, provide space for other community organisations and a community café and improve energy efficiency; and wishes North Edinburgh Arts all the best for the construction of the new Hub.

1408 Actions of the Israeli government in the Occupied Territories

Tabled: **3/07/23** Signatories: **5**

Colum Eastwood
Jon Trickett
Kenny MacAskill
Caroline Lucas
Chris Stephens

This House condemns the ongoing actions of the Israeli government in the Occupied Territories, including the expansion of settlements, demolitions of Palestinian homes, forced evictions, and discriminatory policies that perpetuate the violation of Palestinian human rights; further condemns the Israeli government's failure to comply with international law, including United Nations Security Council resolutions recognising the illegality of Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories; further acknowledges that these settlements undermine the prospects for a just and lasting peace in the region, creating obstacles to a two-State solution and exacerbating tensions between Israelis and Palestinians; recognises the urgent need for meaningful international action to address the situation; urges the Government to take stronger measures to ensure Israeli compliance with international law, including through economic and diplomatic means; and reiterates support for efforts to engage in meaningful dialogue and negotiations between all parties involved, with the aim of achieving a just and lasting resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

1409 75th anniversary of the NHSTabled: **3/07/23** Signatories: **6**

Jim Shannon
Sir Mike Penning
Gavin Robinson
Jonathan Edwards
Carla Lockhart
Charlotte Nichols

That this House notes that our NHS will this week reach the 75th anniversary of its creation; highlights that over 1.5 million people are treated daily in the UK; notes that the NHS touches all our lives and is undoubtedly a national treasure; takes this opportunity not simply to look back over the last seven decades but also takes time to say thank you to every doctor, nurse, healthcare assistant, receptionist, consultant, porter, cleaner, cook and every dedicated member of NHS staff who go above and beyond to preserve and protect our health and wellbeing; further notes how patient safety is at the centre of everything the NHS does and salutes how it has been able to adapt with time and learn new ways of medicine; and once again affirms our commitment to adequate funding for the provision of the free healthcare to every British citizen, which is the envy of the world.

1410 Prescribing of cannabis medicines by general medical practitionersTabled: **3/07/23** Signatories: **4**

Crispin Blunt [R]
Jon Trickett
Jonathan Edwards
Charlotte Nichols

That this House notes that the Government allowed specialist medical practitioners to be able to prescribe cannabis medicines in 2018, but excluded general medical practitioners, despite their core role in supporting patients in their communities; further notes that, annually, around 20,000 patients obtain private prescriptions for medical cannabis, but just 1,000 have NHS prescriptions and that there are many more who access the illicit market to obtain cannabis for medical reasons; and calls on the Government to take the necessary steps to allow general medical practitioners to have the same medical cannabis prescribing rights as specialist medical practitioners.