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New EDMs

1431 30th anniversary of the Mitsubishi Electric in Livingston

Tabled: 10/07/23 Signatories: 1

Hannah Bardell

This House celebrates the 30th anniversary of Mitsubishi Electric in Livingston; recognises the company's track record of supporting and bolstering the local economy by employing over 1,800 people and through major projects like its new Ecodan heat pump; applauds the company's commitment to not only the local economy but the local people through events like the Pump It Up Challenge Day, which encourages secondary school pupils to use their STEM knowledge to create sustainable solutions to the climate crisis; congratulates the factory on producing its five millionth product; thanks the Mitsubishi team, staff and supporters that continue to work on their pioneering work and the successful running of the Livingston factory over the last 30 years; and wishes them all the best for their next 30 years and beyond.

1432 Givit Youth Recovery Service

Tabled: 10/07/23 Signatories: 1

Margaret Ferrier

That this House commends Givit Youth Recovery Service on its work supporting 13 to 25-year-olds affected by problematic alcohol and substance abuse; notes that it collaborates with The Beacons in Cambuslang and Blantyre; further notes that its services are the first of their kind in Scotland offering a blend of youth work, CBT counselling and a fully supported recovery model; thanks all those who contribute to this ground-breaking work; and wishes it the best in its future endeavours.

1433 Hugh Black & SonsTabled: **10/07/23** Signatories: **1****Margaret Ferrier**

That this House congratulates Hugh Black & Sons on being shortlisted for three awards at the Scotland Food & Drink Excellence Awards 2023; highlights that the butchers are finalists in the Scotch Brand Product of the Year category, the Meat Product of the Year category and the Best for Scottish - Multiple Retailer category; notes that the family-run business will rub shoulders with major supermarkets in the third category; commends Hugh Black & Sons on its dedication to its craft; and wishes it the very best at the event in September.

1434 Burnhill Action GroupTabled: **10/07/23** Signatories: **1****Margaret Ferrier**

That this House congratulates the young members of Burnhill Action Group who raised £157 for Glasgow Women's Aid; notes that the children held a jumble sale as part of Big Green Week in order to raise this money; further notes that the funds will be used to support women, children and young people who have experienced domestic abuse; thanks the children for their hard work, generosity, and community spirit; and looks forward to seeing what else they achieve in the future.

1435 Rutherglen Glencairn's Under 18s Football ClubTabled: **10/07/23** Signatories: **1****Margaret Ferrier**

That this House congratulates Rutherglen Glencairn's Under 18s Football Club on becoming U18 Plate Final champions; commends the team, manager and coaches for their hard work and dedication; praises Glory Katongo, Charlie Slaven and Frankie Walls Jnr on scoring the goals that left their team triumphant; and wishes all the club's players, staff and supporters the very best for next season.

1436 Winners of the Asda Foundation's Empowering Local Communities grantTabled: **10/07/23** Signatories: **1****Margaret Ferrier**

That this House congratulates all of the winners of the Asda Foundation's Empowering Local Communities grant in South Lanarkshire: Tact Healthy Park, Blantyre Youth Development Team, Hyper Cyber Youth Project, Priestfield Senior Citizens Hall Committee, Drumsagard Football Club, and Priestfield Boxing Club; notes that each winner has received funding that they will use to boost their operations; wishes all winners the very best in their future endeavours; and commends Asda for its investment into organisations that benefit their local communities.

1437 Kieran and Kyle McLatchieTabled: **10/07/23** Signatories: **1****Margaret Ferrier**

That this House congratulates Kieran and Kyle McLatchie, from Rutherglen High School, on winning second place in the 14-16s category of the British Nutrition Foundation's Healthy Eating Week competition; notes that it was the pair's healthy vegetable fried rice recipe that earned them this title; and commends the British Nutrition Foundation on its work in promoting cooking and healthy eating among young people.

1438 Cambuslang HarriersTabled: **10/07/23** Signatories: **1****Margaret Ferrier**

That this House congratulates Chris McLew, Gavin Smith and Jamie MacKinnon of Cambuslang Harriers on breaking the Scottish Senior 3 x 800M Relay Record; recognises the hard work, talent and dedication of each of these athletes; notes that the record had stood for 11 years; and wishes them and their club the very best for the future.

1439 Jack BradyTabled: **10/07/23** Signatories: **1****Margaret Ferrier**

That this House congratulates Jack Brady, of Rutherglen Boys Brigade, on achieving the Queen's Badge; notes that this award is the highest honour achievable within the Boys Brigade; highlights that over two years Jack completed various challenges and volunteering hours to earn said honour; praises his hard work and dedication; and wishes him the best in his journey to becoming a Young Leader for the Boys Brigade in September.

1440 Burnbank Community HubTabled: **10/07/23** Signatories: **1****Margaret Ferrier**

That this House commends the Gilmour and Whitehill Parish Church, the Burnbank Community Hub, and its volunteers for their important work in the community; notes that between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023 their Friday foodbank has given out 1,610 food bags and has fed 1,884 people; highlights that the hub hosts various events and groups such as the Memories Tearoom, the Lyndale Club, Rainbows, Brownies and Girl Guides; thanks the many people who give back to their community through the Burnbank Community Hub; and wishes them the best for their future endeavours.

1441 Poverty truth commissions

Tabled: 10/07/23 Signatories: 6

Rebecca Long Bailey
Kim Johnson
Mick Whitley
Rachael Maskell
Nadia Whittome
Ian Lavery

That this House commends the role of poverty truth commissions in bringing people who have lived experience of the struggle against poverty directly into decision making about tackling poverty; acknowledges that those with lived experience have often been left out of policy making, even though their perspective and insight can rule out ineffective proposals and suggest new, powerful solutions; calls for the Government and all policy makers to engage with local poverty truth commissions and the Poverty Truth Network with due seriousness and urgency given the cost of living crisis; wishes success to Salford Poverty Truth Commission's second round of work launched June 2023, following a highly impactful first round launched in 2016; and gives thanks to everyone involved both past and present in all poverty truth commissions.

1442 Your Good Home magazine and lived experience co-production

Tabled: 10/07/23 Signatories: 7

Rebecca Long Bailey
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Kim Johnson
Mick Whitley
Rachael Maskell
Nadia Whittome
Ian Lavery

This House commends the recently-launched Your Good Home magazine, which is the outcome from a lived experience co-production project produced by young Salfordians who have experienced the housing system and temporary accommodation and are trying to make a safe and happy home for the first time, facilitated by the social enterprise Unlimited Potential and Salford City Council; and calls on the Government, local authorities and other policy makers to fund and utilise co-production projects as powerful resources for learning from those with lived experience, as a source of proposed effective, locally driven and creative solutions that work for the benefit of their local constituents and communities.

1443 Infected Blood scheme second interim compensation payment

Tabled: 10/07/23 Signatories: 1

Sir Mike Penning

That this House recognises that the Government has acted on the recommendations set out in the first interim report of the Infected Blood Inquiry, with interim compensation payments made to individuals infected by infected blood; further recognises that interim compensation payments to bereaved partners and families affected by the infected blood scandal are under active consideration; and calls on the Government to further recognise the extreme urgency and life-limiting situation facing individuals who received and were infected by infected blood and make an immediate second interim compensation payment.

1444 OSI Renewables and Scotland's energy potential

Tabled: 10/07/23 Signatories: 1

Martyn Day

That this House congratulates OSI Renewables, an engineering business headquartered in West Lothian, that has received four Spotlight on New Technology® awards from the offshore Technology Conference in Houston Texas, which span O&G, Deepsea Minerals and Floating Wind, a Hart Energy award, and Scottish Engineering's Innovation Excellence Award 2023; commends its over forty years' experience in delivering solutions to the offshore energy market; further commends its accomplishment in designing an offshore wind turbine foundation named F-TLP, which targets the Floating Wind market sector; welcomes the foundation's unique design that could generate a revenue of between 1.2 and 1.5 billion pounds per year; and celebrates its investment in harnessing Scotland's renewable energy potential.

1445 Treatment of slave monkeys in Thailand

Tabled: 10/07/23 Signatories: 1

Patricia Gibson

That this House unequivocally condemns animal cruelty in Thailand, where pig-tailed macaques are forced to labour as coconut-picking machines, harvesting hundreds of coconuts every day; notes that the macaques are tied to ropes which their handlers yank to control them; is concerned that the macaques suffer a range of barbaric and cruel treatments, as documented by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals; deplores the fact that many of the young macaques have their teeth removed to prevent them from biting their abusers; acknowledges that these curious, highly intelligent animals are denied psychological stimulation, companionship and freedom, which leads to depression and trauma; is deeply concerned that the two breeds of pig-tailed macaques used in coconut farms are registered as vulnerable and endangered on the International Union for Conservation of Nature's red list; approves of the decision by British retailers to join a boycott of all Thai-made coconut products, which has led Waitrose, Co-op, Boots, Ocado and Morrisons to remove or to vow to remove products using monkey labour in the supply chain; applauds the fact that 45,000 stores operated by leading international retail chains across the United States and Europe have halted all sales of coconut milk from certain suppliers, with HelloFresh the latest international business to drop Thai coconut milk completely; and urges the Government to condemn the exploitation and abuse of these vulnerable and endangered creatures and to work with industry and international partners to consign the use of cruel monkey labour to the history books.

1446 Thistle Du Florist, Darvel

Tabled: 10/07/23 Signatories: 1

Alan Brown

This House congratulates Thistle Du Florist, an exceptional family business in Darvel, for their outstanding accomplishment as the prestigious Wedding Florist of the Year 2023/2024 in the Prestige Awards; acknowledges their commitment to delivering customer service; celebrates their dedication to excellence, creativity, and positive impact on the local community; commends Thistle Du for their support for and involvement in many wider community events and initiatives; and wishes Heather Martin and Thistle Du every success going forward as an embedded community business.

1447 Craigyhill bonfire

Tabled: 10/07/23 Signatories: 1

Sammy Wilson

This House congratulates the people of Craigyhill and Larne on building the world's biggest bonfire reaching a height of over 210 feet; notes that this is a joint community effort involving both Protestants and Catholics; is disappointed at the lack of support from officers of the Mid and East Antrim council for the venture but observes that despite the unwillingness to provide bins, the organisers have kept the site clean and safe; welcomes the thousands of people who have already visited Larne to see the bonfire and the spending which they have generated in the local area; believes that this amazing feat of engineering should be included in the Guinness book of records; and recognises that this is an effective way of drawing attention to the July celebrations in Northern Ireland remembering the Glorious Williamite Revolution on which present day democratic institutions are built.

1448 Royal British Legion Credit their Service campaign

Tabled: 10/07/23 Signatories: 1

Patricia Gibson

That this House recognises that veterans are an asset to society and deserve the best possible care and support in recognition of the service they have given and the sacrifices they have made; considers that those veterans and their families who have experienced pain and loss as a result of their or a loved ones' service in HM Armed Forces are rightly compensated; notes that under the current system, compensation has been awarded to 150,000 Armed Forces veterans and their families for the pain and loss they endured in service, 12,000 of whom live in Scotland; believes it is unfair and unreasonable that this compensation is regarded as income when undergoing welfare benefits means testing; understands that this contrasts with Civil Service awards, such as personal injury compensation, which are typically exempt from such welfare benefits means testing; acknowledges that this has led to the most financially vulnerable and disadvantaged members of the Armed Forces community being denied the support enjoyed by their civilian counterparts, causing those affected significant financial loss each year; commends the Royal British Legion and Poppy Scotland for their campaign Credit their Service for highlighting this injustice; and calls on the Government to amend benefit regulations to ensure that no member of the Armed Forces community has their compensation treated as income when undergoing welfare benefits means testing.

1449 Pay in the North East

Tabled: 10/07/23 Signatories: 1

Kate Osborne

That this House notes the Trades Union Congress (TUC) analysis which shows that the North East still has the lowest average weekly earnings of any region in the UK; notes the analysis reveals workers in the North East region earn 7% less, on average, than the UK median wage; further notes that, in some parts of the North East this pay gap is even wider; agrees that the findings show the devastating impact that years of wage stagnation have had on workers in the North East; further agrees with the statement that workers are facing a real pay emergency with real wages worth less in the North East than they were in 2010; and welcomes the TUC's call to tax wealth and the wealthy, not workers.

1450 Expansion of Gatwick AirportTabled: **10/07/23** Signatories: **1****Caroline Lucas**

This House notes that Gatwick Airport is applying for a Development Consent Order to bring its emergency runway into regular use; considers that if granted this will de facto create a second runway at Gatwick without the appropriate public consultation and scrutiny required for such a major planning decision; further notes that this will lead to thousands of extra flights a year, along with more road-building to get freight and passengers to the airport; is aware that scientists have already found noise levels close to Gatwick above the recommendations by the World Health Organization and particle number concentrations in the air similar to those measured close to a highly trafficked road in central London; notes that the proposal will mean increased noise for residents close to the airport and under the flight path, alongside increased air and light pollution; recognises that expansion at Gatwick is incompatible with addressing the climate crisis; further recognises that 2022 analysis puts the estimated cost of cleaning up carbon emissions alone from Gatwick expansion at £9.1 billion, of which only 7% will be paid for by the aviation industry; urges the Government to listen to the advice of the Committee on Climate Change Chair that there should be no net airport expansion across the UK; and therefore calls on the Secretary of State for Transport to reject Gatwick Airport's plans for a second runway.

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.

1369 Apprentices and the Living WageTabled: **26/06/23** Signatories: **9****Sir George Howarth****Jim Shannon****Jon Trickett****Chris Stephens****Caroline Lucas****Ian Lavery****Richard Burgon****Bell Ribeiro-Addy**

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 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.

1376 Death of Craig Brown CBETabled: **26/06/23** Signatories: **52**

Gavin Newlands
 Stephen Flynn
 Mhairi Black
 Alan Brown
 Marion Fellows
 Allan Dorans

Conor McGinn

That this House notes the sad passing of legendary Scotland Men's Team Manager Craig Brown CBE who passed away at the age of 82; notes the regard he is held in across the football community, particularly the Tartan Army who hold him in the highest esteem; acknowledges that Craig was an excellent young footballer who was signed by Rangers, Dundee FC and Falkirk before calling time on his playing career after signing for, but never playing for Stranraer; further notes that Craig started his managerial career as an assistant at Motherwell before becoming the part-time manager of Clyde FC; recognises that he returned to football full-time as Scotland men's team assistant manager, having been appointed after Sir Alex Ferguson had asked him to assist him at the World Cup in Mexico in 1986; observes that he assumed the position of Scotland manager in 1993 leading Scotland into two tournaments Euro 96 and World Cup 98, accepts that despite the memorable 1-0 win over England at the old Wembley Stadium in 1999, Scotland would fall one goal short and fail to qualify for Euro 2000 and Craig would resign two years later, becoming the longest serving Scotland manager; further acknowledges that Craig went on to manage Preston North End, Motherwell and Aberdeen before retiring, disagrees with Craig Brown when he stated that he was the luckiest guy in Scottish football, as it was Scottish football that was lucky to have him; and conveys deepest sympathies to his friends and family.

1387 Basque peace process and policy on prisoner dispersalTabled: **28/06/23** Signatories: **19**

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

Conor McGinn

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.

1391 Craigavon Senior High School rugby teamTabled: **28/06/23** Signatories: **4**

Carla Lockhart
Jim Shannon
Tim Farron
Conor McGinn

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 LeeTabled: **28/06/23** Signatories: **5**

Peter Grant [R]
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Tim Farron
Conor McGinn

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.

1399 Working conditions of rail workers employed by Carlisle Support ServicesTabled: **29/06/23** Signatories: **15**

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

Richard Burgon**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**

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..

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

Tabled: 3/07/23 Signatories: 18

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

Ian Lavery Bell Ribeiro-Addy

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: 7

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

Conor McGinn

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: 12

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

Apsana Begum

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.

1406 Visit of the Bahraini Crown Prince to the UK

Tabled: 3/07/23 Signatories: 13

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

Richard Burgon

Apsana Begum

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

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.

1408 Actions of the Israeli government in the Occupied Territories

Tabled: 3/07/23 Signatories: 8

Colum Eastwood
Jon Trickett
Kenny MacAskill
Caroline Lucas
Chris Stephens
John McDonnell

Richard Burgon

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 NHS

Tabled: 3/07/23 Signatories: 14

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

Richard Burgon

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 practitioners

Tabled: 3/07/23 Signatories: 8

Crispin Blunt [R]
Jon Trickett
Jonathan Edwards
Charlotte Nichols
John McDonnell
Caroline Lucas

Apsana Begum

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.

1414 Alcohol treatment services: Public Accounts Committee Report

Tabled: 4/07/23 Signatories: 13

Grahame Morris
 Ian Mearns
 Mary Kelly Foy
 Jim Shannon
 John McDonnell
 Claudia Webbe

Richard Burgon
 Apsana Begum

Conor McGinn
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Ian Lavery

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 persecution

Tabled: 4/07/23 Signatories: 26

Andy McDonald
 Crispin Blunt [R]
 Tommy Sheppard
 Beth Winter
 Mary Kelly Foy
 Jeremy Corbyn

Stewart Malcolm McDonald
 Martyn Day
 Ian Lavery
 Ms Diane Abbott

Kenny MacAskill
 Angus Brendan MacNeil
 Tony Lloyd
 Dr Philippa Whitford

Anne McLaughlin
 Dave Doogan
 Apsana Begum

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.

1417 Attacks by dogs on postal workers

Tabled: **5/07/23** Signatories: **7**

Jim Shannon
Caroline Lucas
Sir Mike Penning
Chris Stephens
John McDonnell
Jonathan Edwards

Ian Lavery

That this House notes the rise in attacks by dogs on postal workers throughout the UK and especially in Northern Ireland, where the Royal Mail has stated that the 12 per cent rise in incidents in Northern Ireland is extremely worrying and that there were 1,916 dog attacks on postal workers logged during the year to 31 March 2023; highlights that some postal workers suffered serious injuries; notes that these figures were released at the start of the annual dog awareness week as officials urge owners to take proper measures to ensure their pets pose no threat to postal workers through responsible dog ownership due to the fact that dog attacks on postal workers resulted in more than 3,014 days of absence last year; and urges owners to be mindful of the duties of those who deliver post so we can do all we can to reduce attacks on postal workers.

1418 Future of railway ticket offices

Tabled: **5/07/23** Signatories: **15**

Claudia Webbe
Caroline Lucas
Jon Trickett
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Zarah Sultana
Apsana Begum

Dan Carden

Ian Lavery

That this House notes with concern the planned mass closure of rail ticket offices, leaving many of the over 1000 train stations unstaffed; recognises that railway ticket office staff are a vital resource for many passengers who might struggle to manage online booking processes and for the security of children, women, disabled and other vulnerable passengers on the rail network; further notes that station staff including ticket office staff are essential to the smooth running of the rail network; agrees with the Royal National Institute for the Blind that the closures would be hugely detrimental to the blind and partially sighted; notes that the future of ticket offices is a key item in the ongoing rail worker dispute; and therefore calls on the Secretary of State for Transport to reject The Rail Delivery Group's proposals in full.

1419 Sky lanterns and balloon releasesTabled: **5/07/23** Signatories: **6**

Mohammad Yasin
Sir Mike Penning
Chris Stephens
John McDonnell
Jonathan Edwards
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House is concerned about the potential environmental impact of sky lantern and balloon releases, particularly in relation to marine wildlife such as dolphins, whales, turtles and seabirds; notes the particular fire hazard associated with sky lanterns and recognises the important work of the Marine Conservation Society in campaigning for a ban on sky lantern and balloon releases; further notes those local authorities which have implemented a regional ban and calls upon the UK Government to ban sky lanterns and balloon releases.

1420 Third anniversary of the Bow crane collapseTabled: **6/07/23** Signatories: **8**

Apsana Begum
John McDonnell
Jon Trickett
Richard Burgon
Ian Lavery
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Rebecca Long Bailey

Andy McDonald

That this House notes with deepest regret that 8 July 2023 marks three years since the tragic death of June Harvey after a tower crane fell on her house in Bow in 2020; notes with sadness other fatalities as a result of crane collapses; pays tribute to construction safety campaigns, largely led by bereaved relatives and trade unions; and calls on the Government to ensure that legislation and guidance regulating cranes are robust and that the Health and Safety Executive has the resources for vigorous enforcement.

1423 Craig Burns and the National Recognising Skills and Achievement Award 2023Tabled: **6/07/23** Signatories: **3**

Dr Philippa Whitford
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates Mr Craig Burns from North Ayrshire's Modern Apprenticeship Youth Work Programme on being awarded the National Recognising Skills and Achievement Award at the prestigious Scottish National Youth Work Awards 2023; commends Mr Burns for successfully leading the growth of the Modern Apprenticeship Youth Work Programme and doubling the number of apprentices who achieve their qualifications, making it a sought-after opportunity for young people transitioning from school; recognises Mr Burns unwavering commitment and support for young people, which has made him not only a boss but also a friend and confidant; and appreciates Mr Burns unique approach to nurturing talent which has contributed to the success of North Ayrshire's

Modern Apprenticeship Youth Work Programme and the positive impact it has on providing opportunities for young people.

1424 Community Learning and Development New Scots Team in North Ayrshire

Tabled: 6/07/23 Signatories: 3

Dr Philippa Whitford
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates the Community Learning and Development New Scots Team in North Ayrshire on being awarded the National Equality and Diversity Award at the prestigious Scottish National Youth Work Awards 2023; commends the team for playing a pivotal role in supporting young refugees in their journey of integration, providing essential guidance and fostering a sense of community; appreciates that their efforts have resulted in the establishment of thriving girls groups and empowering conversations about democratic processes for the Syrian community; and commends the team's dedication and passion for creating a positive experience for young people coming to North Ayrshire as New Scots, which has earned them this well-deserved accolade.

1425 Pets in temporary accommodation

Tabled: 6/07/23 Signatories: 6

Mohammad Yasin
Jon Trickett
John McDonnell
Richard Burgon
Apsana Begum
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House recognises how pets enrich lives, providing emotional support and bringing great joy to responsible owners; further recognises the proposed changes to legislation set out in the Government's Renter's Reform Bill around pets and tenancies; notes that if the Bill is passed, landlords may only refuse pets in exceptional circumstances; and calls on the Government to extend this provision to social housing, and specifically temporary and emergency provisions, and to provide full financial support to local authorities to facilitate the change.

1426 Bullying and respect at work

Tabled: 6/07/23 Signatories: 20

Rachael Maskell
Ian Mearns
Kim Johnson
Charlotte Nichols
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Caroline Lucas

Margaret Ferrier
 Wera Hobhouse
 Richard Burgon
 Apsana Begum

John McDonnell
 Beth Winter
 Conor McGinn
 Daisy Cooper

Jonathan Edwards
 Christina Rees
 Ian Lavery
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House notes that 15 per cent of people have experienced bullying at work in the UK which is not related to any protected characteristic; observes that this amounts to 4.9 million people

employed in the UK; further notes that the Health and Safety Executive highlights that 17 million days of work were lost last year due to work related stress, depression or anxiety; believes that bullying at work can have a significant impact on someone's mental health and can lead to the loss of employment for the target of the bullying; further notes that workplace conflict is costing UK companies £28.5 billion each year; and calls on the Government to provide for a statutory definition of bullying at work, no matter the workplace or employment status, to enable people to bring their case to an Employment Tribunal, to give the Equality and Human Rights Commission new powers to investigate organisations and to take enforcement action where there is evidence of bullying and to establish and promote a respect at work code to set minimum standards for positive and respectful work environments.

1427 Beith Orr Park Neighbourhood Watch Community Garden

Tabled: 6/07/23 Signatories: 2

Patricia Gibson
Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates North Ayrshire group, Beith Orr Park Neighbourhood Watch, on achieving an outstanding rating for its work on Beith's Community Garden in the It's Your Neighbourhood report from the Keep Scotland Beautiful charity; acknowledges that this recognition builds on the group's previous achievement of receiving an outstanding rating from Keep Scotland Beautiful in 2019; further acknowledges that It's Your Neighbourhood is designed to reward volunteer-led community groups which are cleaning and beautifying their neighbourhoods, measured against criteria including community participation, environmental responsibility and gardening achievement; notes that Beith Orr Park Neighbourhood Watch is a local community group established in 2007 by Norrie and Rose Brown to seek to reduce anti-social behaviour; understands that the group's impact has been extensive, organising community concerts and events, including an annual BBQ and Christmas Buffet evening, arranging an annual litter pick and delivering a community garden project; recognises their efforts in helping to foster a greater sense of community spirit in their town, making Beith a more environmental friendly and beautiful place through the group's work in creating a thriving, colourful community garden with local stakeholders, which contains flowers that attract pollinators, wood carvings, bird boxes, fruit trees and vegetable planters made from recycled material; notes the positive health and well-being impacts of the community garden, which reduces isolation and improves community connections; and applauds Norrie and Rose Brown and all the volunteers who work tirelessly to provide the sanctuary of this garden in the centre of Beith.

1428 Profits and inflation

Tabled: 6/07/23 Signatories: 18

Debbie Abrahams
Jon Trickett
Dan Carden
John McDonnell
Richard Burgon
Olivia Blake

Mick Whitley
Mike Amesbury
Ian Byrne
Allan Dorans

Kate Hollern
Andy McDonald
Kenny MacAskill
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Tony Lloyd
Caroline Lucas
David Linden
Sir George Howarth

That this House notes the Bank of England's decision in June to increase interest rates to five per cent, the 13th consecutive rise; believes that while inflation must be reduced and contained,

ordinary British people are not the drivers of inflation, including core inflation, and that there is evidence of profiteering by some banks and businesses; and resolves to ask the Financial Conduct Authority as the regulator of the banking industry to investigate (a) potential profiteering by some banks, for example, an extra £7 billion in profits directly from interest rate rises was reported in March from the big four banks: Barclays, HSBC, Lloyds and Nat West, (b) the guidance banks will be required to issue to borrowers, for example, temporary switches to interest only mortgage payments and lengthening the term of their mortgage period, (c) actions taken by banks under the Mortgage Charter to ameliorate repayment increases and (d) actions taken by banks to compensate savers after interest rate increases.

1429 **Support for Sporting Heritage**

Tabled: **6/07/23** Signatories: **4**

Alyn Smith
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Richard Burgon
Allan Dorans

That this House believes that the preservation of sporting heritage is a vitally important strand of cultural work in the public, private and third-sector; also believes that the collection, maintenance and presentation of photographs, documents, records and memorabilia relating to sporting achievements, participants and institutions form a key part of a local community's story; and welcomes the efforts of the Sporting Heritage organisation, who take forward campaigns and efforts to promote local, regional and national collaboration in this sector.

1430 **Job sharing**

Tabled: **6/07/23** Signatories: **2**

Wera Hobhouse
John McDonnell

That this House welcomes the release of Empower's Job Sharing: Redefining Work, Doubling Impact report; acknowledges the opportunities job-sharing presents for women by facilitating reductions in workplace inequalities and closes the gender pay gap; highlights the benefits this form of flexible working offers employees and employers, such as increased organisational productivity, boosting morale, and creating more diverse senior leadership teams; and calls on the Government to support the incentivisation of job-sharing opportunities by reducing cost barrier through introducing a reduction on Employer's National Insurance contributions for employees in job shares.