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New EDMs

1619 World Arthritis Day 2023

Tabled: **18/09/23** Signatories: **1**

Rachael Maskell

That this House celebrates World Arthritis Day, which is due to take place on 12 October 2023; welcomes its aims to raise awareness of arthritis and educates people about the symptoms, preventive measures and treatment options available; praises the work that researchers, healthcare professionals and campaigners at Versus Arthritis are doing in supporting the over 10 million people living with arthritis across the UK and their ambition to ensure that, one day, no one will have to live with the pain, fatigue and isolation that arthritis causes; recognises that having arthritis impacts a person's life in numerous ways, including the impact on a person's ability to work, with one in five economically inactive people living with arthritis or another form of musculoskeletal condition; notes the current long NHS waiting times for people having knee and hip surgery; and calls on the Government to bring down waiting times for people with arthritis and support them to wait well across the UK.

1620 University of St Andrews

Tabled: **18/09/23** Signatories: **1**

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House congratulates the University of St Andrews on its historic achievement in coming top of both the UK's main university rankings; notes that the University took top place in the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024 and the Guardian University Guide 2024; understands that this is the first time that any UK university other than Cambridge and Oxford has led both major higher education league tables in the same year; further understands that this is the fourth time in the last three years that the University of St Andrews has disrupted the long-standing Oxford and Cambridge duopoly in university rankings; believes that the University of St Andrews' top place is a testament to the hard work and dedication of its staff and students; welcomes the

University's success in the two rankings and the contribution which the University makes to North East Fife, Scotland, and the UK; and wishes the staff and students of the University well in their continued efforts.

1621 Migrants in Scotland

Tabled: **18/09/23** Signatories: **1**

Anne McLaughlin

That this House notes the publication of new research on public attitudes to immigration in Scotland from Migration Policy Scotland, the first of its kind since 2014; welcomes the news that people in Scotland have become more positive towards immigration since then; acknowledges that more people in Scotland would like to see immigration go up than down and that the number who would like a reduction in immigration has dropped by 30 percentage points; celebrates the findings that nearly 60 per cent of Scots see immigration as having a positive impact on Scotland and that 74 per cent believe diversity is good for Scotland; understands Scotland's need for increased levels of immigration to bolster its population and to grow the economy; and recognises the important part migrants have played and continue to play in Scotland's success as a nation.

1622 Highland Discovery College

Tabled: **18/09/23** Signatories: **1**

Drew Hendry

That this House congratulates the Highland Discovery College, run by Centred, on their recent opening in their Eastgate Centre, Inverness premises; recognises that the Discovery College is the Highland's first college dedicated to helping individuals gain a deeper understanding of wellbeing, mental health, and substance use; commends all at Centred for their ongoing hard work and dedication to supporting individuals with mental health difficulties in the Highlands; and wishes them every success for the future with this new initiative.

1623 64th anniversary of the Auchengeich Mining disaster

Tabled: **18/09/23** Signatories: **1**

Steven Bonnar

That this House acknowledges that Monday 18 September 2023 is the 64th anniversary of the Auchengeich Mining disaster, Scotland's worst mining disaster of the 20th Century; respectfully remembers the 47 men who lost their lives after a fault with equipment caused a fire in the mine; further remembers that 41 women were widowed by that tragedy, and 76 children lost their father; acknowledges the enduring impact on the community of Moodiesburn and the surrounding areas; expresses gratitude to the Auchengeich Memorial Committee for their commitment in continuing to commemorate the disaster by arranging a memorial service every year at the Auchengeich Memorial statue in Moodiesburn; and commends the whole Moodiesburn community for their dignity, respect and togetherness in their endeavours to keep alive the memories of those lost to the disaster, while paying respect to them and their families.

1624 40 years of the Gregson Community and Arts Centre

Tabled: 18/09/23 Signatories: 1

Cat Smith

That this House celebrates the Gregson Community and Arts Centre's 40th anniversary as a community led and community owned space at the heart of Lancaster; thanks the team at the Gregson for ensuring that in a world that seems increasingly disconnected, where more of us feel isolated and where community can seem in decline, the Gregson is a beacon of hope offering the community of different people, ages and cultures a place to come together which is reflected in the Gregson being home to around 50 regular groups; notes that despite the challenges of lockdowns in recent years a dedicated and tenacious team have ensured Lancaster's only community run café and bar is fighting fit to serve hungry and thirsty Lancastrians for another 40 years and more; and gives thanks to all who work and volunteer to ensure the Greggy is an honest and warm hearted social hub in its own right.

1625 Michael Pegg, Barrhead postmaster

Tabled: 18/09/23 Signatories: 1

Kirsten Oswald

That this House congratulates Michael Pegg, a postmaster from Barrhead, upon his retirement from the Post Office after 21 years of dedicated service to the community; notes that Michael originally worked in Kennoway Post Office in Fife before venturing into other retail ventures until his first retirement; understands Michael then exited retirement to start working at the Post Office again in 2002; expresses gratitude for the work undertaken by Michael as postmaster, ensuring the communities and businesses of Barrhead and the surrounding areas were connected; recognises the importance of Post Offices to local communities and further notes the challenges currently facing Post Offices due to changing mail volumes; and wishes Michael a happy and healthy retirement, which he intends to use to travel more with his wife and playing golf.

1626 Transport for London cleaning review

Tabled: 18/09/23 Signatories: 6

Apsana Begum
Marsha De Cordova
John McDonnell
Jeremy Corbyn
Ian Mearns
Grahame Morris

That this House welcomes the decision by the London Mayor to conduct work to assess TfL's ability to bring cleaning in-house; further welcomes the fact that RMT and Transport for London are now holding discussions to see whether and how this can be facilitated, preventing the need for TfL's cleaning to be re-tendered in 2024; believes that cleaning work on London's world-famous underground should not be done at the expense of those heroic keyworkers, who worked through the pandemic while being employed on basic terms and conditions inferior to those of other London Underground staff; and wishes the Mayor, the RMT and TfL every success in their endeavours to bring cleaners in-house.

1627 Senedd reformTabled: **18/09/23** Signatories: **3**

Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake
Hywel Williams

That this House notes the publication of electoral reform legislation by the Welsh Government as part of the Co-operation Agreement with Plaid Cymru on 18 September, 26 years to the day Wales voted Yes for devolution; recognises that these reforms follow the recommendations of a cross-party committee and will ensure a stronger and more representative Senedd, better able to fulfil its key purpose of making a positive difference for people across Wales; emphasizes that the Senedd has spearheaded progressive policies including free prescriptions for all and universal primary free school meals; highlights that the reform package increases the size of the Senedd to 96 members, bringing it closer to parity with other devolved legislatures; recognises that all seats will be elected via proportional representation, which, alongside statutory gender quotas and returning to four-year terms, will guarantee a more representative Senedd where every vote counts; stresses the stark contrast with the UK Government approach of introducing voter ID and reducing the number of Welsh MPs by eight; highlights that the annual cost of the reforms represent 0.07% of the Welsh budget, offset against the loss of MEP representation following Brexit and MP representation following the boundary review, considerably less than the costs of the expanding membership of the House of Lords, and the estimated £22 billion cost of restoring the Palace of Westminster, which matches Wales' whole annual budget; and calls on the UK Government to follow in the Senedd's footsteps by enacting progressive electoral reforms that underwrite and strengthen democracy.

1628 International day of the older personTabled: **18/09/23** Signatories: **1**

Jim Shannon

That this House, celebrating the International Day of the Older Person on Sunday 1 October, equally celebrates the contribution of Christian charity Faith in Later Life and its partners to change the societal narrative of ageism towards older people as called for by the United Nations and acknowledges the contribution of church champions and volunteers across the country, making a difference at a local level to ensure that all older people are enabled to flourish in the church and, more importantly, wider society, both now and in the future.

1629 Pet abductionTabled: **18/09/23** Signatories: **1**

Kate Osborne

That this House notes the tragic rise in pet abduction; further notes that pet theft is a traumatic experience; condemns the lack of a specific pet abduction offence; is horrified by the tragic story of Winnie a much loved family pet who went missing from her home on 4 September and, following a huge search by the people of Jarrow and South Shields, Winnie's damaged and deceased body was discovered; believes that the emotional and welfare impact of this crime should be recognised; and calls on the Government to bring forward a single issue bill on pet abduction.

1630 Financial educationTabled: **18/09/23** Signatories: **1****Marion Fellows**

That this House is concerned that research undertaken by Compare the Market and MyBnk shows that only 2 in 5 young adults are financially literate in the UK; recognises that the same research showed that 70% of young adults support the regular provision of financial education lessons for students at school; further recognises that people who are unemployed or from lower-income backgrounds are more likely to have lower financial literacy; believes that increased financial literacy would ensure people gain the skills they need to manage money in a cost-effective way, which is especially pertinent during the current cost-of-living crisis; and urges the Government to work with schools to guarantee 30 hours a year of financial education lessons for every 11 to 18 year old, irrespective of which education pathway they are on.

1631 Oban's Robert MacIntyre and Europe's 2023 Ryder Cup teamTabled: **18/09/23** Signatories: **1****Brendan O'Hara**

That this House sends its warmest congratulations to Oban golfer Robert MacIntyre, who has qualified to represent Europe in the 2023 Ryder Cup against the United States at the Marco Simone Golf and Country Club, Rome, Italy; notes that Robert, who honed his skill at Glencruitten golf club in Oban, is the first Scot to make the European team since Stephen Gallagher in 2014; commends his extraordinary talent, commitment and drive, which has seen him rise through the ranks putting him firmly in the golfing elite; recognises that the people of Oban and Scotland are immensely proud of him; and sends him and the team the very best of luck in the tournament.

1632 Defence Equipment and Support, BeithTabled: **18/09/23** Signatories: **1****Patricia Gibson**

That this House is aware that workers at Defence Equipment and Support (DE and S) at Beith in North Ayrshire, an arm's length body of the Ministry of Defence, are continuing strike action for improved pay and conditions; notes that this strike action is unprecedented, the first in the history of that organisation, and backed by 93 per cent. of members; is concerned to hear that non-craft workers preparing arms for shipment at the depot, face discrimination in the payment of bonuses, relative to craft workers who assemble munitions; rejects the fact that retention payments are made to managers and craft workers, while non-craft colleagues earning less than £21,000 a year have been excluded from retention bonuses; understands that the operation of the facility is vital in ensuring the uninterrupted supply of equipment to UK armed forces and the Ukrainian frontline as it fights to protect its territorial integrity and freedom in the face of Russian aggression; is mindful of the fact that the striking workers have not undertaken this action lightly; believe it is essential to stand with these workers who reject a two-tier workforce and support their action for a fairer and more equal working environment where the work of all those at DE and S is respected and recognised with a bonus scheme which is fair to all workers at the site; and calls on the Ministry of Defence to urgently intervene to ensure a fair resolution to the industrial dispute.

1633 UK Savings Week September 2023Tabled: **18/09/23** Signatories: **1****Mr Gregory Campbell**

That this House notes September 18 to 24 is UK savings week; commends the overall thrust of the campaign that even in a very difficult economic climate A small start can lead to a big change, and expresses the hope that particularly among younger people starting to earn in their initial employment months, commencing a lifelong habit, even in a small way, can lead to a more sustainable and prosperous future for themselves and those closest to them.

1634 COP28 and human rightsTabled: **18/09/23** Signatories: **1****Caroline Lucas**

That this House is concerned that the 28th Conference of Parties (COP28) will be held in the United Arab Emirates amid ongoing repression and human rights violations, and risks being used to greenwash and distract from the UAE's appalling human rights records; notes the ongoing detention of 60 members of Emirati Civil Society sentenced in a mass trial over a decade ago; condemns the ongoing detention of Emirati blogger and human rights defender Ahmed Mansoor, who is being held in prolonged solitary confinement and denied adequate medical care, in violation of international human rights law and putting his life at risk; urges the Government to leverage its close relationship with the UAE to publicly and privately urge the UAE to take concrete steps to improve its human rights record in the lead up to the COP-28 summit; and calls for the immediate and unconditional release of Ahmed Mansoor.

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.

1531 70th anniversary of the Korean War armisticeTabled: **4/09/23** Signatories: **13****Patricia Gibson****Jim Shannon****Jonathan Edwards****Chris Law****Ms Anum Qaisar****Stewart Malcolm McDonald****John McDonnell**

That this House commemorates the 70th anniversary of the armistice that concluded the Korean War; notes that the conflict was fought from 25 June 1950 to 27 July 1953; understands that, following North Korea's invasion of South Korea, over 80,000 British troops mobilised under the United Nations banner, alongside troops from the United States and 20 other allied countries, in support of South Korea; recognises that 1,109 British service personnel were killed, 236 of them Scots, with thousands more wounded, captured or missing, contributing to the estimated three million service personnel and civilians killed, with, it understands, the Korean peninsula devastated and divided; acknowledges that the Korean War is often called the Forgotten War, as its memory is often overshadowed by the Second World War and the Vietnam War; is aware that no formal peace

treaty was ever signed, contributing to what is considered to be a continued uneasy coexistence between the Republic of Korea in the South and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in the North, and remembers all who fought in the war, the sacrifices that they made, and those who sadly lost their lives or were maimed in body or mind.

1532 State pension payments for women

Tabled: 4/09/23 Signatories: 14

Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Law
Ms Anum Qaisar
Douglas Chapman

John McDonnell

That this House notes with great concern that thousands of parents, mostly mothers, who took time out of work to care of their children have been underpaid their state pension as a result of maladministration by the Department for Work and Pensions which was first identified in July 2022; acknowledges that this error relates to those who claimed home responsibilities protection which was introduced in 1978 to protect state pensions of parents or carers before the introduction of national insurance credits in 2010; is concerned that this error is believed to be the second largest source of state pension errors after the underpayments scandal that has affected around 237,000 people, overwhelmingly women, who reached state pension age before April 2016; understands that this error arose because periods of home responsibilities protection were not recorded accurately resulting in those affected having fewer national insurance contributions credited to them and that those people have received a lower state pension as a result; is disappointed to learn that the DWP annual report and accounts 2022 to 2023 has warned that it could take until late 2024 before all those affected have this error corrected; and urges the UK Government to launch a public awareness campaign to ensure that all those potentially affected are alerted about how they can check their national insurance record and claim any missing home responsibilities protection credits so that they can claim the correct level of their rightful state pension as soon as possible.

1533 Ben Sandilands, 2023 World Para Athletics Championships gold medal winner

Tabled: 4/09/23 Signatories: 5

Neale Hanvey
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens
Christine Jardine
John McDonnell

That this House extends its warm congratulations to 19 year old Kirkcaldy-born laddie Ben Sandilands on his T20 1500 gold medal victory at the 2023 World Para Athletics Championships in Paris; commends him for his athletic skill and ability as a world class competitor, and for his determination in producing a late run in the final 250m moving up from fifth place to win with a new championship record of three minutes and 42.52 seconds; further congratulates Ben on setting a European record in March 2023 while representing Great Britain and Northern Ireland at the Para-Athletics Grand Prix in Dubai; and also commends team coach Steve Doig, and team mates Steven Bryce and Owen Miller, for their collective encouragement to achieve consistently excellent results.

1535 EU nature restoration lawTabled: **4/09/23** Signatories: **7**

Patricia Gibson
Chris Law
Ms Anum Qaisar
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Allan Dorans
Chris Stephens

John McDonnell

That this House supports the European Parliament's recent vote to support a nature restoration law, to place recovery measures on 20% of the EU's land and sea areas by 2030, rising to cover all ecosystems in need of restoration by 2050; is aware that a 2019 global study, carried out by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, found 75% of the world's land surface and 66% of seas have been significantly altered by humans, while more than 85% of wetland areas have been lost; recognises that the EU's binding targets to restore degraded ecosystems are aimed at reversing what it sees as this worrying trend; is aware that, in the run-up to the vote, an open letter signed by over 6,000 scientists highlighted studies showing that restoring nature would improve food security, help fisheries, create jobs and save money, while opponents of the law not only lack scientific evidence, but even contradict it; notes with concern that the State of Nature Scotland Report 2019 concluded that, in Scotland, 49% of species decreased in abundance between 1994 and 2016; acknowledges that the Scottish Government's investment in biodiversity and nature restoration continues to grow, including through £250 million to restore peatlands, and through planting more trees than any other part of the UK every year, and urges both the UK and Scottish governments to emulate the EU nature restoration law by ramping up the pace of action to combat biodiversity loss, not least by introducing statutory nature restoration targets.

1540 FIFA Women's World Cup and the Lionesses' legacyTabled: **4/09/23** Signatories: **12**

Munira Wilson
Wera Hobhouse
Layla Moran
Tim Farron
Sarah Olney
Sarah Green

John McDonnell

That this House recognises the extraordinary achievements of the England women's national football team, the Lionesses, on reaching the final of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023; notes the historic nature of their success, as the first time England's Lionesses have reached a World Cup final, and only a year since their heroic victory at the UEFA Women's Euro 2022; further notes that the only previous time an English senior national football team reached the World Cup final was in 1966, when the ban on women's football was still in place; congratulates England's No. 1, Mary Earps, on receiving the Golden Glove for the tournament, in addition to her well-earned title as FIFA Best Women's Goalkeeper 2022; notes with disappointment the refusal of the England national teams' sponsor to reproduce Earps' kit to capture the wave of enthusiasm for goalkeeping she has inspired; praises every Lioness for their invaluable work on and off the pitch to encourage a new generation of footballing talent, regardless of gender; thanks them for their tireless campaigning to level the playing field, improving girls' access to football and every child's access to sport in school; calls on the Government to make good on their promise to honour the Lionesses' legacy by ensuring every child has access to 2 hours of PE per week; and further calls for a progress report

on how effective the Schools Games Mark and School Sports Action Plan have been in delivering equal access.

1542 FIFA Women's World Cup The Lionesses

Tabled: 4/09/23 Signatories: 5

Tracey Crouch
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy
Apsana Begum
John McDonnell

That this House congratulates England's Lionesses on reaching the FIFA Women's World Cup final; notes that the team under the brilliant stewardship of Sarina Wiegman gave everything right up to the final whistle; further notes that the team and the support staff deserve all the plaudits; highlights the team's impeccable sportsmanship throughout the tournament; thanks the team for being exceptional role models both at home and around the world; and recognises that all those achievements will have inspired girls and women to play football for years to come.

1543 Nike women's goalkeeper shirt

Tabled: 4/09/23 Signatories: 5

Tracey Crouch
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy
Alison Thewliss
John McDonnell

That this House recognises the brilliance of the Lionesses' goalkeeper Mary Earps; notes that Nike chose not to produce a replica shirt for England's keeper, which has been criticised as shameful, hurtful and devaluing the role that the keeper plays in women's football; and calls on Nike to reverse this decision and to put on sale Earps' replica goalkeeper shirt, so that girls who were inspired by the FIFA Women's World Cup and who want to play in goal feel that their role is as important as that of an outfield player.

1545 Greig Steven Memorial

Tabled: 4/09/23 Signatories: 8

Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Ms Anum Qaisar
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Allan Dorans
John McDonnell

That this House applauds the Greig Steven Memorial (GSM) for its work in supporting people of all ages living with cancer and their families, through its provision of a complimentary five-night stay at 'Greig's House' located in Wemyss Bay within Park Dean Resorts; recognises the work of family, friends and colleagues of Greig Steven, who founded this charity after he sadly died in 2015, just six months after he was diagnosed with cholangiocarcinoma, a very rare and aggressive form of cancer; understands the annual 'It's a Knockout' event hosted by the charity at Valefield Park in Kilbirnie in

June raises significant funds, around £18,000 in 2023 alone, in support of its cause; and wishes the volunteers who work so hard to promote this charity every future success in Steven Greig's memory and all the support it will continue to provide to those living with cancer and their families, now and in the future.

1551 Retirement of coxswain Joe Miller from RNLI Troon Lifeboat

Tabled: 4/09/23 Signatories: 20

Dr Philippa Whitford
Allan Dorans
Alan Brown
Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

Stuart C McDonald

That this House congratulates Joe Millar on his recent retirement from his role as coxswain of the RNLI Lifeboat in Troon, to which he has dedicated 31 years of service, initially as a volunteer, then as a full-time mechanic and, for the last 20 years, as coxswain; gives grateful thanks to Joe for his involvement in numerous rescues and for providing assistance to all types of vessels and persons in distress, including children on inflatable Unicorns, and for unselfishly giving of his own time to the community of Troon by hosting visits to the station and sharing his passion and dedication for the service with groups including primary and secondary schools, youth groups such as the Boys Brigade, Scouts and Guides, Army and Navy Cadets as well as many adult groups; highlights that Joe's dedicated service has been recognised on several occasions, including four letters of commendation from the RNLI Chief of Operations and one from the RNLI Chief executive, along with a vellum for his leadership and boat handling during the rescue of four people from the Spes Bona V fishing boat; acknowledges Joe as a highly committed professional who is well respected and liked by all within Troon Lifeboat Station and beyond; and wishes Joe a happy retirement.

1552 Trauma-informed public services

Tabled: 4/09/23 Signatories: 9

Rebecca Long Bailey
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy
Jon Trickett
Chris Stephens
Claudia Webbe

Richard Burgon

John McDonnell

That this House recognises that many organisations are implementing trauma-informed approaches, actively working to create a service where clients feel safe and empowered and won't be re-traumatised; notes that many public services can inadvertently perpetuate trauma for vulnerable people they work with, given the nature of the services they provide and requirements for evidence or assessments to access specific support; acknowledges that the Government set out guidance in 2022 for a working definition of trauma-informed practice, which was a step in the right direction, based on the United States Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration definition; supports the calls from many charities including the Mental Health Foundation, Chayn, and Agenda Alliance for trauma-informed services; and calls on all Government departments to commit to becoming a trauma-informed UK, to achieving a trauma-informed and trauma-responsive workforce throughout the UK, and to consistently review how trauma-informed approaches could be adopted consistently during policy development and by public facing services under their

jurisdiction, particularly the Home Office in terms of policing, immigration, passport and licensing application processes, the Department for Work and Pensions in terms of the welfare system, and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities in terms of social housing and temporary accommodation policy and regulation.

1559 Air Traffic Control disruption

Tabled: 4/09/23 Signatories: 6

Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Munira Wilson
Christine Jardine
John McDonnell

That this House notes with concern that a major fault in the Air Traffic Control system lead to significant disruption for passengers; further notes that nearly 2,000 flights were cancelled with around 250,000 passengers disrupted; believes that the NATS service bears responsibility for the issue; further believes that the Government has let passengers down; urges compensation to be paid to passengers as quickly as possible, so no one is left out of pocket; calls on the Government to review the bonus payments for the NATS executive team following the disruption; and further urges them to ensure compensation for any future Air Traffic Control failure is paid automatically.

1564 Management of anticoagulation-associated bleeds

Tabled: 4/09/23 Signatories: 4

Jim Shannon
Sir Mike Penning
Paul Girvan
John McDonnell

That this House notes that an estimated 1.6 million people are living with atrial fibrillation in the UK; acknowledges that atrial fibrillation is a contributing factor in one in five strokes; welcomes the NHS's commitment to improve the early detection and treatment of atrial fibrillation; further notes NHS England's commitment to expand access to direct oral anticoagulants to help prevent 21,700 strokes and save 5,400 lives over a three-year period; further acknowledges that anticoagulants carry an increased risk of life-threatening bleeding, particularly within the gastrointestinal tract; recognises that the increase in anticoagulation medication will likely lead to an increased number of associated bleeds; urges the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence to review and update clinical guidelines to improve outcomes within the management of anticoagulation-associated bleeds; and calls on NHS England to establish policies to reduce the variation within the management of anticoagulation-associated bleeds and improve patient outcomes.

1568 All Party Groups

Tabled: 4/09/23 Signatories: 3

Sir Peter Bottomley
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell

That this House recognises the intention to deal with abuses, including the improper influences of foreign powers and commercial interests; and requires the Committee on Standards to consult

directly with Members who help poor, vulnerable and unrecognised groups to gain parliamentary attention before reviewing undesirable sledgehammers to crack the wrong nuts.

1571 World Suicide Prevention Day 2023

Tabled: 5/09/23 Signatories: 16

Jim Shannon
Christine Jardine
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Sir Mike Penning
Chris Stephens
Claudia Webbe

John McDonnell

That this House marks World Suicide Prevention Day 2023, held on 10 September; highlights this year's aim to focus attention on the issue, reduce stigma and raise awareness among organizations, governments and the public, giving a singular message that suicides are preventable; notes the theme for World Suicide Prevention Day 2021-2023 is creating hope through action and that whilst there has been a reduction in the number of people committing suicide over the last 10 years, the numbers are still worryingly high; further highlights how this day offers an opportunity to remind people that it's good to talk and that recovery is always possible; thanks organisations such as the International Association for Suicide Prevention and the World Health Organisation for the key roles they play in promoting the importance of suicide prevention; and encourages those with suicidal thoughts to always speak to someone and know the necessary support is there to help people overcome difficult times.

1575 Pulmonary fibrosis awareness month

Tabled: 5/09/23 Signatories: 19

Mohammad Yasin
Valerie Vaz
Jim Shannon
Christine Jardine
Jon Trickett
Sir Mike Penning

Richard Burgon

John McDonnell

That this House marks Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month which takes place in September; acknowledges the importance of raising awareness of pulmonary fibrosis, a debilitating and often life-threatening lung condition affecting 70,000 people across the United Kingdom; regrets that 1% of all deaths are due to pulmonary fibrosis; recognises the work of Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis, healthcare professionals, and researchers in raising awareness of the reality of living with pulmonary fibrosis; reaffirms the need for fast and accurate diagnosis, as well as access to treatments and pulmonary rehabilitation; understands the need for improved funding for research and support services; and calls on the Government to support initiatives that raise awareness of pulmonary fibrosis, encourage early diagnosis, and promote research into the disease.

1576 Freddie Mercury's 77th birthday

Tabled: 5/09/23 Signatories: 13

Seema Malhotra
Christine Jardine
Patrick Grady
Chris Stephens
Jonathan Edwards
Ben Lake

Richard Burgon

That this House extends its best wishes to the family of Freddie Mercury, who grew up in Feltham alongside Brian May, on what would have been Freddie's 77th birthday; recognises the enormous contribution of Freddie Mercury and Queen to music and culture and the love for Freddie, which is still felt around the world; thanks Emi, Rico and Japanese fans for their donation of a Sakura tree in recognition of Freddie's love of Japanese culture and of cherry trees; and congratulates Angela Parton and volunteers from the Friends of Feltham Green on their organising of an event in Freddie's honour and the unveiling of the Sakura tree by Freddie's sister Kashmira and the Mayor of Hounslow Cllr Afzal Kiani, which will be planted in the Freddie Mercury Memorial Gardens and be an inspiration in tribute to Freddie for generations to come.

1580 Compensation for nuclear test veterans

Tabled: 6/09/23 Signatories: 34

Peter Grant
Carol Monaghan
Brendan O'Hara
Chris Stephens
Dr Philippa Whitford
Marion Fellows

Richard Burgon

That this House recognises the contribution of the nuclear test veterans, including the Royal Fleet Auxiliary veterans who were present during the nuclear testing programme from 1952 to 1967; acknowledges the sacrifices made by more than 20,000 British personnel who took part in these atomic tests; notes that nuclear test veterans have suffered various health conditions as a result of exposure to high levels of ionising radiation; welcomes the decision to award commemorative service medals honouring the nuclear test veterans, whilst also questioning why it took over half a century for such medallic recognition to be granted; laments the fact that thousands of nuclear test veterans died without their sacrifice being formally acknowledged; believes that current measures do not go far enough; and calls for a package of financial compensation for nuclear test veterans and their families.

1586 Industrial action by social care workers in Glasgow

Tabled: 7/09/23 Signatories: 11

Chris Stephens
Jonathan Edwards
Mary Kelly Foy
Jon Trickett
Kate Osborne
Allan Dorans

Richard Burgon

That this House thanks social care staff across Scotland and the rest of the UK who work in frontline community services to care for our most vulnerable; recognises that many social care workers, especially in the private sector, are in receipt of low pay and poor terms and conditions which do not reflect the vital services of social care workers whilst companies profit from human need; gives its full support to GMB Scotland's members at Baillieston, Cardonald and Stobhill care homes in Glasgow in their dispute with their employer Silverline Care, now administered by the Minster Care Group, and their unprecedented strike action on 5 and 6 September, the first strike in private social care in Scotland; understands that Silverline Care and Minster Care Group have torn up the trade union recognition agreement without notice, rescinded previous pay offers and refuse to hold further pay talks; calls on the employer to recommence pay talks immediately with GMB Scotland to deliver an offer that reflects the value of social care workers and recognises their collective voice; believes that trade unions must be at the heart of social care to secure a strong collective voice for social care workers; notes the work being undertaken by the Scottish Government's Fair Work in Social Care Workstreams, including the workstream on sectoral bargaining; welcomes the commitment from the Scottish Government to implement sectoral bargaining; and acknowledges that GMB Scotland's dispute with Silverline Care and Minster Care Group highlights the need for sectoral bargaining.

1587 Energy prices for pubs, restaurants and hospitality businesses

Tabled: 11/09/23 Signatories: 6

Daisy Cooper
Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Rachael Maskell
Claudia Webbe

That this House notes with alarm the findings from Ofgem's Non-domestic market review that hospitality businesses are unable to secure competitive energy contracts, and that they are the most likely sector to be refused service by many energy suppliers; regrets that continuing inflated energy costs are a major contributory factor in pubs, restaurants and other hospitality businesses being forced to close for good; further notes with concern the resulting loss of community amenities, employment, and negative effects on the wider supply chain; calls on the government to urgently introduce statutory protections within the energy market to enable hospitality businesses to have access to an equivalent range of suppliers and rates as other non-domestic energy customers; urges Ofgem to mandate greater transparency in non-domestic billing and prices for non-domestic energy users; requests that the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero takes immediate steps to end the practice of energy suppliers blacklisting entire sectors such as hospitality from their products; and further calls on the government to improve the regulation of energy brokers, by introducing a formal and binding redress scheme for non-domestic users, and requiring greater transparency on fees.

1591 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee medal and Royal Air Forces Long Service and Good Conduct Medal

Tabled: 11/09/23 Signatories: 6

Helen Morgan**Jim Shannon****Paul Girvan****Wendy Chamberlain****Allan Dorans****Stewart Malcolm McDonald**

That this House has the utmost admiration for all those who have served in His Majesty's Armed Forces; notes that veterans who have shown outstanding dedication to their King or late Queen and country should be awarded with fitting medallic recognition; is concerned that the Ministry of Defence's medallic recognition policy outlines that only veterans who served from after 29 July 2014 are eligible to be awarded the Her Late Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee medal and Royal Air Forces Long Service and Good Conduct Medal with clasps; understands that these medals are awarded to members of the Armed Forces who served for five continuous years during Her Late Majesty's reign; recognises that should the initiation date be set to the beginning of Her Late Majesty's reign many more members of the Armed Forces would qualify to be awarded these medals; expresses concern that the initiation date was set as such only for administrative reasons; and calls on the Government to review the Ministry of Defence's medallic recognition policy to reflect the brave services of all veterans to their King and country.

1595 UK manufactures of lower carbon construction vehicles

Tabled: 11/09/23 Signatories: 12

Mr Alistair Carmichael**Sir Peter Bottomley****Sir George Howarth****Dr Philippa Whitford****Claudia Webbe****Kim Johnson****John Spellar****Lloyd Russell-Moyle**

This House welcomes the Government's decision to review the lower weight limits being imposed on greener volumetric mobile concrete plants (VCMs) as a first step to reversing regulations that are devastating a great British manufacturer, threatening 15,000 skilled jobs in 137 constituencies, contributing £380 million to the UK economy; further notes that VCMs operated legally at 38.4 tonnes and above for 50 years, producing concrete with zero waste and far fewer road miles than old fashioned drum mixers, saving annually an estimated 14 million lorry-miles to UK roads, 598,000 lorry journeys, 120,000 tonnes of CO₂, preventing a 20% increase in CO₂, nitrogen oxide and particulates, and extra carbon costs of £7 million; further notes the 2017 report commissioned by Highways England endorsed 44 tonnes as a safe weight for 5 axle VCMs and 38.5 tonnes for VCMs on four axles; also notes that unless the Review reverses the decision to abolish 44 tonne VCMs in 2028, the sole UK VCM manufacturer in Sheffield will cease trading; further notes Denmark raised the weight limit from 32 tonnes to 38 tonnes and in Italy and Scandinavia 44 tonne VCMs are road-legal; recognises the UK concrete market is dominated by foreign-owned conglomerates running rival drum mixers at 32 tonnes; notes that the Government abolished the unrealistic 32 tonne weight limit for all-electric HGVs; further notes the Labour Opposition commitment to reverse this weight cut; and calls on Ministers to permit VCMs to run at higher weights too.

1596 Sir Ian Wilmut

Tabled: 11/09/23 Signatories: 8

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Angela Crawley
Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Ms Anum Qaisar

Stewart Malcolm McDonald Marion Fellows

That this House extends its condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Sir Ian Wilmut, a titan of the scientific world, who has died at the age of 79; recognises the enormous contribution of Sir Ian who led the team behind the world famous cloned sheep Dolly; acknowledges his ground-breaking work at the influential Roslin Institute in Midlothian; emphasises the role his work continues to play in advances that have been made in the field of regenerative medicine; highlights the fact his research helped pave the way for potential stem cell treatments to tackle degenerative diseases; and wishes his colleagues at the University of Edinburgh's Roslin Institute continued success in ensuring his legacy drives so many innovative applications emerging from animal and human biology research.

1597 University duty of care

Tabled: 11/09/23 Signatories: 8

Tim Farron
Layla Moran
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy
John McDonnell
Clive Lewis

Richard Burgon

That this House calls for higher education institutions to have a statutory duty of care for their students; deeply regrets the tragic consequences of past failures to recognise when students have experienced significant challenges to their mental health and the subsequent impacts on their family and friends; particularly regrets instances where universities have failed to inform families of students' struggles, including acts of self harm, even when given express consent to share that information; recognises that, although students are paying for higher education institutions, they are not simply customers of their services; highlights that many students are young people with little experience of independent living, higher exposure to the challenging aspects of social media usage, and who continue to face the ongoing negative impacts of the covid-19 pandemic, cost of living crisis, and climate crisis, putting them at higher risk of experiencing mental health issues; and urges the Government to encourage higher education institutions to make student wellbeing a strategic priority.

1598 Young fundraisers Caitie and Holly McCubbin

Tabled: 11/09/23 Signatories: 14

Dr Philippa Whitford
Brendan O'Hara
Angela Crawley
Patricia Gibson
Ms Anum Qaisar
John McNally

Stuart C McDonald

Drew Hendry

That this House congratulates sisters Caitie (age 8) and Holly (age 7) McCubbin on cycling 100 miles each during their summer holidays to raise funds for two charities which have helped their grandfathers, along with Epic Games which matched their funds; applauds Caitie for raising £904 for the British Heart Foundation which supported her papa after he had two heart attacks, and applauds Holly for raising £1,031 for Ataxia UK which supports her pappy, following his diagnosis of Spinal Cerebellar Ataxia; commends both of them for using their summer holidays as an opportunity to fundraise for these important charities; wishes them well in their future fundraising endeavours; and congratulates their parents who must be justifiably proud of both of them.

1603 Community News Project and Meta

Tabled: 12/09/23 Signatories: 7

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Owen Thompson
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That this House acknowledges the success of the Community News Project (CNP) since 2018, enhancing diversity and representation in regional and local newsrooms across the UK; applauds the CNP's pivotal role in training budding journalists to cover grassroots community issues; expresses concern over Meta's decision to cease funding the CNP from December 2023, which may jeopardise the future of many trainees; urges major digital platforms, including Meta, to support and reinvest in vital community journalism initiatives; and calls on Members to champion local news and support balanced relations between digital media and content creators.

1604 Dalmarnock Primary School Inspection Report

Tabled: 12/09/23 Signatories: 4

Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
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That this House congratulates Dalmarnock Primary School on their Very Good Education Scotland inspection report; recognises that the inspection team remarked on the relentless drive, focus and commitment of the headteacher, Nancy Clunie, in addressing and overcoming all potential barriers to children's participation and achievement; commends the teaching and support staff for their work in closing the attainment gap; notes the expertise and creativity of staff in engaging young people in their classes; commends the young people of Dalmarnock Primary School, who were found by inspectors to be eager to learn, articulate, confident, and supportive of one another;

appreciates that staff are mindful of the cost of the school day, and welcomes the use of Pupil Equity Funding to enhance the experiences of learning; welcomes the commitment by Dalmarnock Primary School to meaningful partnership working, which has benefited the wider school community; and wishes everyone at Dalmarnock Primary School all the very best for the future.

1605 One-year anniversary of the death of Mahsa Amini

Tabled: 12/09/23 Signatories: 17

Layla Moran
 Claudia Webbe
 Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
 Kim Johnson
 Jim Shannon
 Wendy Chamberlain

Brendan O'Hara

That this House marks the one-year anniversary of the horrific death of Mahsa Amini at the hands of Iranian authorities; remembers the hundreds of protesters who have been killed or executed in the protests following Mahsa's death; recognises the ongoing struggle of Iranian protesters and condemns the use of excessive force, violence, arbitrary arrests and execution by Iranian authorities to curtail protests and freedom of expression; expresses further concern at the reports of increasing arrests of activists in the weeks leading up to the anniversary of Mahsa's death; supports the case for proscription of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a terrorist organisation; and calls for the street the Iranian Embassy sits on to be re-named 'Mahsa Amini Avenue' in tribute to the young woman who inspired so many and as a symbol of the UK's solidarity with the Iranian people.

1606 Service of Paul Kehoe, House of Commons Senior Doorkeeper

Tabled: 12/09/23 Signatories: 20

Grahame Morris
 Jonathan Edwards
 Jon Trickett
 Jim Shannon
 Mary Kelly Foy
 Kate Hollern

Apsana Begum

Richard Burgon

Kirsty Blackman

That this house sends its warmest congratulations and thanks to Paul Kehoe on completing an impressive 44 years of loyal service in the House of Commons; recognises his kindness, hard work and loyal service during this time; and looks forward to working with him through his 45th year and beyond.

1607 Human rights in Manipur

Tabled: 12/09/23 Signatories: 20

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Zarah Sultana
Beth Winter
Ian Byrne

Richard Burgon

That this House notes the ongoing, grave human rights violations in Manipur, India, including acts of sexual violence, extrajudicial killings, home destruction, forced displacement, torture and ill-treatment, predominantly targeting the Kuki-Zo people, a tribal community who are largely Christian; further notes that between 3 May and mid-August an estimated 160 people have been killed and over 300 injured, with more than 40,000 people being displaced by the violence; highlights that UN experts have raised serious concerns about the slow and inadequate response by the Indian government, including law enforcement; recognises that these human rights violations occur as part of wider attacks on religious and ethnic minorities across India, many of which public officials have been accused of aiding and abetting; and calls on the Government to raise the issue of human rights violations in Manipur with the Indian government and to halt negotiations towards a UK-India free trade agreement while such violations continue to occur.

1608 Calling for a free and democratic Iran

Tabled: 12/09/23 Signatories: 7

Bob Blackman
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John McDonnell
Martyn Day
Rachael Maskell
John Spellar

Steve McCabe

That this House is deeply concerned by the ongoing crackdown on peaceful protesters by the regime of Iran, which continues to execute dissidents with total impunity and which is also trying to export its reign of terror abroad, including by targeting dissidents living in Europe with terrorist attacks; condemns illegal efforts by Iran to compel European countries to restrict the human rights of its opponents; calls on the government of Albania in particular to uphold the rights of members of the Iranian opposition PMOI (MEK) at Ashraf-3, under the European Convention on Human Rights, the 1951 Refugee Convention and international law as stipulated in the Albanian Prime Minister's 2016 letter to the Vice-President European Parliament; reiterates that MEK members at Ashraf-3 have the right to political activity and that this right is guaranteed by the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights of which Albania is a state party; and calls on His Majesty's Government to declare its solidarity with Iran's democratic opposition and to support international accountability efforts for the perpetrators of human rights violations in Iran, including for the 1988 massacre of some 30,000 political prisoners and the deadly crackdown on current-day protesters.

1609 50 years of the Charles Rennie Mackintosh Society

Tabled: 12/09/23 Signatories: 8

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 Jim Shannon
 Patrick Grady
 Chris Stephens
 Allan Dorans
 Dr Philippa Whitford

Stewart Malcolm McDonald Marion Fellows

That this House recognises that 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Charles Rennie Mackintosh Society; acknowledges the importance of the society over the years in promoting the work, legacy and memory of celebrated Glasgow architect Charles Rennie Mackintosh; notes that the Society was founded in 1973 to protect buildings designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh such as the former Queen's Cross Church, which was at risk of being lost due to the proposed motorway expansion; welcomes the invaluable contributions of the Society to the maintenance of Glasgow's architectural heritage; and congratulates the Society and all its members on this significant anniversary.

1610 Glasgow Doors Open Days Festival 2023

Tabled: 12/09/23 Signatories: 7

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 Patrick Grady
 Chris Stephens
 Allan Dorans
 Stewart Malcolm McDonald

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That this House acknowledges this year's Glasgow Doors Open Days Festival on 11-17 September 2023, with over 100 buildings open to the public and a programme of more than 100 trails, tours and special events; notes that the Doors Open Days Festival has been organised every year since 1990 when it began as part of the celebrations of Glasgow's status as European Capital of Culture; welcomes the role that it continues to play as an integral part of Scotland's contribution to European Heritage Days; recognises the importance of the festival to raise awareness of and facilitating support for Glasgow's architectural and cultural heritage; congratulates the organisers, participants and partners of the festival; and wishes them all the best in all future endeavours.

1611 Mandatory food waste reporting in England

Tabled: 13/09/23 Signatories: 20

Olivia Blake
 Caroline Lucas
 Ian Byrne
 Andy McDonald
 John McDonnell
 Zarah Sultana

Richard Burgon

That this House notes that UK food waste causes an estimated 36 million tonnes CO₂eq in emissions domestically and overseas, costing businesses and citizens approximately £19 billion; further notes

that UK on-farm food waste alone is estimated to use an area of agricultural land half the size of Wales and that this land could help sustainably feed the UK and restore nature to mitigate the cost of living and climate crises; recognises that the current lack of voluntary food waste reporting impedes meaningful assessment of food waste levels and progress in food waste reduction; acknowledges that many organisations including WRAP and Tesco have said that mandatory food waste reporting is essential for the UK to halve food waste by 2030 in line with Sustainable Development Goal 12.3; notes that the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee has recommended mandatory food waste reporting; further notes that 99% of responses to the Government's consultation on improved reporting of food waste supported mandatory food waste reporting for large and medium businesses and that the majority of food business respondents also supported mandatory reporting; and calls on the Government to bring forward legislative proposals for mandatory measurement and public reporting of food waste in 2024 and 2025 respectively for all medium and large-sized food businesses in England, ensuring adequate coverage across and within food sectors including primary production, manufacturing, retail and hospitality and food service.

1612 The 42nd Great North Run

Tabled: 13/09/23 Signatories: 19

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Julie Elliott
Ian Mearns
Mary Kelly Foy
Kate Osborne
Wendy Chamberlain

John McDonnell

Richard Burgon

That this House celebrates the thousands of runners who crossed the finish line in South Shields on Sunday 10th September after taking part in the 42nd Great North Run; notes that the Great North Run as an institution demonstrates our region, and history and our people; highlights the boost the run gives charities across the country and to businesses in the north east; commemorates four-time Olympic gold medallist Sir Mo Farah for competing as his farewell from professional athletics and recognises his enormous contribution to athletics and services to sport; thanks the Run's founder, Sir Brendan Foster, the organisers, and the volunteers who make this momentous event possible every year; and congratulates all the runners that took part.

1614 Bannerman High School 50th anniversary

Tabled: 14/09/23 Signatories: 4

David Linden
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Martin Docherty-Hughes

That this House celebrates the 50th anniversary of Bannerman High School in Baillieston, Glasgow; sincerely thanks the teachers, staff and parents for the work they do in educating the young adults of Glasgow East; recognises that the school has provided high quality education to pupils from across the East End of Glasgow, particularly Baillieston, Garrowhill, Mount Vernon, Carmyle and Swinton; congratulates staff past and present for fostering a positive learning environment that has helped their pupils excel in all areas of the curriculum; commends both the teachers and pupils for their work which has enabled Bannerman High School to consistently excel in areas like the

performing arts, dance and music; and wishes pupils, teachers, parents and the wider community involved with Bannerman High School the best of luck for another successful 50 years.

1615 Forth Valley Sensory Centre Wee County Hub

Tabled: 14/09/23 Signatories: 2

John Nicolson
Marion Fellows

That this House welcomes the launch of Forth Valley Sensory Centre's new sensory hub at Tullibody Civic Centre, notes that the Wee County Hub brings support and services directly to people of all ages living with sensory loss in Clackmannanshire, including information and advice, social opportunities and British Sign Language classes; and recognises the work of Forth Valley Sensory Centre to build confidence and independence in those who are blind, deaf, or who have hearing loss or visual impairments.

1616 COP28

Tabled: 14/09/23 Signatories: 12

Caroline Lucas
Claudia Webbe
Jonathan Edwards
Claire Hanna
John McDonnell
Dr Philippa Whitford

Richard Burgon
Hywel Williams

Liz Saville Roberts
Martin Docherty-Hughes

Ben Lake

That this house notes that COP28, taking place between 30th Nov and 12th Dec 2023, marks a critical stage in the global effort to secure a liveable future; expresses alarm about escalating climate impacts, current commitments being vastly insufficient and governments planning to produce more than double the amount of fossil fuels in 2030 than is consistent with limiting global temperature rises to 1.5 degrees; urges the UK to advocate for the phase out of fossil fuels to be on the agenda at COP28 in recognition of the end of the fossil fuel era; welcomes that the Prime Minister will be attending COP28 in person and calls on him to work with other leaders to deliver an agreement on the urgent and just phase out of all fossil fuels; calls on the UK to back an ambitious political deal in response to the Global Stocktake at COP28; notes the damaging impact of the delayed delivery of the pledge of \$100bn climate finance on trust between countries and achieving the Paris Agreement goals; further urges the Government to deliver its existing climate finance commitments in full, ensure funding is new and additional, and support efforts to increase climate finance at COP28, laying the ground work for the New Collective Quantified Goal to be agreed next year; and believes that COP28 must see the operationalising of a properly resourced Loss and Damage Finance Fund, that the UK should support this goal, and provide grant-based funds for addressing Loss and Damage.

1617 TUC Conference 2023 resolution on public sector pay

Tabled: 14/09/23 Signatories: 22

Beth Winter
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Richard Burgon
Apsana Begum
Ian Byrne

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Ian Mearns
Chris Stephens

Ian Lavery
Ms Diane Abbott
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

Kate Osborne
Grahame Morris
Jon Trickett

That this House notes that real weekly wages remain below where they were in 2008; further notes that wages in the public sector continue to fall in real terms; recognises the final public sector pay settlements for 2022-23 reflected an increase on the initial public sector pay review body recommendations following trade union campaigns involving industrial action; believes that real terms pay restoration is necessary for public sector workers nationwide; welcomes the policy carried by TUC Conference 2023 calling for pay increases for public sector workers that at least match inflation and that provide for pay restoration; and calls on the Government to set out a programme to provide for pay restoration for all public sector workers.

1618 Right to Food Week 2023

Tabled: 14/09/23 Signatories: 39

Ian Byrne
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Claudia Webbe
Beth Winter
Claire Hanna
John McDonnell

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Kate Osborne
Jon Trickett
Barry Gardiner
Kenny MacAskill
Richard Burgon
Kate Hollern
Sam Tarry
Sir George Howarth

Jonathan Edwards
Apsana Begum
Mick Whitley
Cat Smith
Mrs Sharon Hodgson
Ian Lavery
Tony Lloyd
Zarah Sultana
Andy McDonald

Grahame Morris
Mary Kelly Foy
Clive Efford
Ms Diane Abbott
Ian Mearns
Rosie Duffield
Charlotte Nichols
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

That this House recognises that Right to Food Week 2023 takes place between 18 and 23 September 2023; highlights the injustices of hunger; notes that 18% of UK households are experiencing food insecurity and more than half a million children dropped below the poverty line in the last year; acknowledges the profound and devastating consequences of food insecurity on health, wellbeing and livelihoods; agrees that the Government has a duty to ensure nobody in our communities goes hungry; asserts that the Government's duty should be reflected in legislation and that the right to food should be enshrined in UK law; agrees legislation should include (a) a rollout of universal free school meals, (b) a statement of the proportion of minimum wages and benefits, on which people are expected to live, is spent on food, (c) independent enforcement of legislation, (d) funding of community kitchens, (e) guarantees of food security; recognises the many councils across the country that have declared themselves right-to-food cities and towns; recognises that Trade Union Congress in 2021, 2022 and 2023 passed motions calling for the right to food to be enshrined in law; notes the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee have called on the Government to facilitate a country visit of the United Nations' Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food to the UK by

the end of this year; and asserts that a Right to Food enshrined in UK law is desperately needed so that everyone, including all children, are legally protected from hunger.