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New EDMs

103 Rwanda asylum scheme and the UK's legal obligations

Tabled: 27/11/23 Signatories: 8

Caroline Lucas
Afzal Khan
Alison Thewliss
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Liz Saville Roberts
Claire Hanna

Dawn Butler

Stephen Farry

That this House celebrates the role the United Kingdom has played in helping to shape the international rules based order, including its contribution to the drafting and early ratification of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) in the aftermath of the horrors of WWII; notes the recent judgment of the Supreme Court that the UK could breach its obligations under the ECHR, and other international law such as the Refugee Convention, UN Convention Against Torture, UN International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, as well as domestic law, by sending refugees to Rwanda; rejects in principle the use of emergency legislation to ride roughshod over the judgment of the UK's highest domestic court; further notes such a move would contravene the rule of law and undermine the separation of powers fundamental to UK democracy; considers any legislative proposals to disapply the Human Rights Act (HRA) and ECHR, and restrict judicial review and other legal safeguards would violate the principle of universality that rights belong to all; further considers that a country's safety is determined by the facts on the ground not by the passing of legislation or the signing of a treaty; acknowledges the positive role the ECHR and HRA play in the protection of human rights; and calls upon the Government to abandon its cruel, immoral and unworkable Rwanda plan and to re-establish the UK's good standing as a member of the ECHR and international community.

104 Lodge Hill Junction

Tabled: 27/11/23 Signatories: 1

Layla Moran

That this House celebrates the success of local campaigners in securing £17.3 million of funding for improvements to the Lodge Hill Junction, including new southbound sliproads, on the A34; notes the vital nature of this piece of local infrastructure in reducing traffic flow in the centre of Abingdon, supporting development and reducing journey times in the area; commends the work of local councillors Alison Rooke, Nathan Ley and Neil Fawcett in their tireless campaigning to get this project over the line; regrets delays in delivering funding commitments from the government; recognises that more work must be done to ensure the first shovel hits the ground; and further recognises the fantastic contribution that local Liberal Democrat campaigners and councils make to their communities.

105 The Fire Brigades Union's DECON Campaign

Tabled: 27/11/23 Signatories: 1

Mary Kelly Foy

That this House recognises the exceptional work of the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) to protect firefighters against toxic contaminants and prevent cancer; commends Professor Stec and her team at the University of Central Lancashire for leading Britain's first major study into the link between cancer and fire contaminants; congratulates the FBU on the success of its DECON campaign since its launch in 2021; notes that approximately 1,000 firefighters around the country have now been tested for cancer and other health issues as a direct result of the campaign; and calls on the Government to acknowledge cancer as an occupational hazard within firefighting and implement annual health monitoring to protect firefighters and their families from this risk.

106 Nuclear test veterans

Tabled: 27/11/23 Signatories: 1

Daisy Cooper

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

107 154th anniversary of the founding of the Durham Miners' Association

Tabled: 27/11/23 Signatories: 1

Mary Kelly Foy

That this House celebrates the 154th anniversary of the founding of the Durham Miners' Association; recognises that, within three years of its founding, the Durham Miners' Association had secured the abolition of bonded labour practices; further recognises its remarkable contributions to trade unionism and the wider labour movement; thanks the Durham Miners' Association for its cultural and economic contribution to Durham and beyond; commends the Durham Miners' Association for the enormous success of the 2023 Durham Miners' Gala, which saw thousands of people gather for the 137th iteration of the Big Meeting; encourages everyone to attend the

Durham Miners Gala next year to mark the 40th anniversary of the great strike of 1984-5; and further encourages everyone to become a Marra by joining the Friends of the Durham Miners' Gala.

108 Free school meals

Tabled: 27/11/23 Signatories: 1

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House notes that free school meals ensure millions of children get a hot and healthy meal each day; is concerned that children whose families meet financial eligibility requirements, but receive their education other than at school, do not benefit from these meals; congratulates both Brighton and Hove City Council and East Sussex County Council for their work to guarantee equity of access for all eligible families; and calls on the Government to provide clearer guidance and, if necessary, additional funding to ensure that no child in education goes hungry during the school day.

109 Community ownership of Lismore Post Office and shop

Tabled: 27/11/23 Signatories: 1

Brendan O'Hara

That this House congratulates Lismore Community Trust and the residents of the island on successfully bringing into community ownership the Lismore Post Office and shop, which were earmarked for closure; notes that, through the purchase of community shares by more than 200 people in the local community, the Trust raised the remarkable sum of £80,000 and was therefore able to secure the future of Post Office and shop for at least the next five years; commends the Trust and the local community for recognising the importance of the Post Office, not just as a lifeline for many in the community but for being absolutely crucial to the future viability of island; further commends the Trust and local community in having the vision and confidence to take the Post Office into the community ownership; wishes the Trust and the people of Lismore every success in the future; and hopes that other communities facing the loss of vital services will be encouraged to explore the option of community ownership and be inspired by what has been achieved by the community of Lismore.

110 Dale Reid

Tabled: 27/11/23 Signatories: 1

Wendy Chamberlain

That the House expresses its condolences following the death of Dale Reid on 8 November in Townsville, Australia, at the age of sixty-four; understands that Ms Reid, who grew up in Ladybank in North East Fife, became a successful and celebrated golfer after taking up the sport at the age of four and turning professional in 1979; notes that her career included winning twenty-one titles, making her one of the most successful players in the Ladies European Tour, as well as over a hundred top-ten finishes between 1979 and 2005; recognises Ms Reid's role in the Sondheim Cup, with her competing in the first four editions and acting as non-playing captain in 2000 and 2002; further understands that she was a popular player on the tour, known for her honest and open personality; recognises the difficulty of her later years during which her partner, Corinne Dibnah, herself a former British Women's Open champion, gave up playing to care for her; celebrates Dale Reid's contribution to the sport of golf; and expresses sympathy to her friends and family following the sad news of her passing.

111 Wee Chippy and the Scottish Fish and Chip Awards

Tabled: 27/11/23 Signatories: 1

Wendy Chamberlain

That the House commends the Wee Chippy in Anstruther on winning its second national award this year; understands that the fish and chip shop in the East Neuk of North East Fife won the people's choice prize at the Scottish Fish and Chip Awards on Monday 13 November at an award ceremony in Glasgow; notes that this recent success follows the Wee Chippy winning in its category at the Scottish Restaurant Awards earlier this year; recognises that this is a huge success for the business, which has been open since 1999 and is a testament to its staff's hard work and the quality of their service; further notes that this award is a result of the esteem in which the business is held by residents and visitors alike; and welcomes the contribution of the Wee Chippy and other hospitality businesses to the local economy.

112 HALO Trust mine clearance record

Tabled: 27/11/23 Signatories: 1

Fabian Hamilton

That this House pays tribute to the HALO Trust on successfully clearing two million mines since its establishment in 1988; commends the staff, past and present, who have contributed to this remarkable milestone; notes that the HALO Trust is one of just two British mine clearance organisations; notes that the HALO Trust has cleared landmines in 29 countries, saved an estimated two million lives and enabled over ten million people to have safer access to schools, health clinics and farming land; reiterates our commitment to clearing landmines which continue to endanger lives around the world; and expresses our gratitude to the HALO Trust for its remarkable work in conflict affected countries in making communities safer and more prosperous.

113 COP28

Tabled: 27/11/23 Signatories: 3

Caroline Lucas**Alex Sobel****Claire Hanna**

That this House notes that COP28 in Dubai marks a critical moment in efforts to secure a liveable future; expresses profound alarm that, according to the UN, governments plan to produce double the amount of fossil fuels in 2030 than is consistent with limiting global heating to 1.5 degrees and that current pledges under the Paris Agreement would lead to a 2.5-2.9°C temperature rise this century; welcomes the Prime Minister's attendance at 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 in recognition of the end of the fossil fuel era; calls on the UK to back an ambitious political deal in response to the Global Stocktake; further notes the damaging impact of the delayed delivery of the \$100bn climate finance pledge and the UK's changes to its climate finance definitions on trust between countries and efforts to achieve the Paris Agreement goals; 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 agreement of the New Collective Quantified Goal; notes that the full operationalisation of a properly resourced Loss and Damage Finance Fund will be the litmus test of success at COP28; and further urges the UK to support this goal and to contribute by providing grant-based funds which are additional to existing ODA and climate finance commitments.

114 Dogs

Tabled: 27/11/23 Signatories: 3

Sir Christopher Chope
Sir Julian Lewis
Sir Paul Beresford

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Dangerous Dogs (Designated Types) (England and Wales) Order 2023 (S.I., 2023, No. 1164), dated 31 October 2023, a copy of which was laid before this House on 31 October 2023, be annulled.

115 90th anniversary of Down High School, Downpatrick

Tabled: 27/11/23 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates the 90th Anniversary of Down High School in Downpatrick, which opened in 1933; notes that Down High School occupies an historic setting and is built on one of the four distinctive hills in Downpatrick, on the site of the 19th century County Gaol, overlooking the nearby ruins of Inch Abbey and the ancient earthwork, the Mound of Down; highlights that originally there were two schools joined on the same site – a Grammar School and a Technical School, with the site now being fully occupied by the Grammar School; acknowledges the talents and achievements of the pupils and the constant efforts of the staff to ensure each pupil can meet their full potential; further notes that the school's motto Absque Labore Nihil – nothing is achieved without effort – reflects the belief that there is no limit to what can be accomplished through hard work; thanks the Principal, Mrs Perry, and all the teaching staff for supporting the students in developing core values such as kindness and respect; and wishes the staff and students all the best for the future.

116 25th Anniversary of the Royal Victoria Hospital Liver Support Group

Tabled: 27/11/23 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates the 25th anniversary of the Royal Victoria Hospital Liver Support Group in Belfast; notes the work they are doing to monitor the position of liver cancer across Northern Ireland and furthermore, across the UK; highlights that unlike screening for breast cancer, there is no standardised, central screening programme for liver cancer, which is most commonly detected at a late stage in those most likely to develop the disease and that this late detection results in poor outcomes for those patients, with a survival rate, post-diagnosis, of only 13% after 5 years; further notes their work in lobbying for a clear, adequately funded and resourced pathway for liver care in Northern Ireland, which should focus on early detection and on-going management of liver patients, with the aim of educating the public on liver health risks such as obesity, substance abuse and poor exercise; thanks in particular Jim Kilpatrick for his incredible dedication to the RVH, after being diagnosed with Liver Disease himself in 2017; and further thanks all the staff and volunteers involved for their work and effort paving the way in terms of support for those with Liver Disease and Liver Cancer.

117 Conduct of David Snoxell

Tabled: 27/11/23 Signatories: 1

Daniel Kawczynski

That this House urges relevant authorities to urgently investigate any commercial links between David Snoxell, administrator of the Chagos (British Indian Ocean Territory) APPG, and the Government of Mauritius, which seeks to take these islands from Britain and the indigenous population of Chagossians.

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.

70 Sewage discharges

Tabled: 16/11/23 Signatories: 12

Jon Trickett
Jonathan Edwards
Ian Lavery
Mary Kelly Foy
Claudia Webbe
Jim Shannon

Caroline Lucas

That this House expresses its concern at the continuing dumping of sewage into UK waterways; recognises that the practice is dangerous to public health and damaging to the environment; further recognises that the pollution is making it unsafe for people to swim in natural designated bathing sites such as the River Wharfe in Ilkely, West Yorkshire, which has been given a water quality rating of poor by the Environment Agency; notes that despite multiple failures, £19 billion was paid out in dividends to shareholders in water and sewerage businesses operating in England between 2010 and 2021, which is an average of £1.7 billion a year; further notes that water bills in England and Wales have increased by 40 per cent above inflation since privatisation in 1989; notes with dismay that water companies in England and Wales want bills to increase by £156 a year by 2030 to pay for upgrades and reduce sewage discharges; calls on the Government to immediately place a legal duty on the water companies to avoid sewage dumping; and expresses its support for the public ownership of the UK water system so that the profits of this national asset benefit all the people of the UK and not just a small group of shareholders.

72 Puppy smugglingTabled: **20/11/23** Signatories: **20**

Owen Thompson
Jim Shannon
Patricia Gibson
Deidre Brock
Ian Byrne
Grahame Morris

Caroline Lucas

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the vile puppy smuggling trade and sterling efforts by Dogs Trust to end this cruel practice; shares the deep fears of many people about the suffering of dogs and puppies at the hands of smugglers; recognises the seriousness of this welfare issue and acknowledges the disappointment of many that the Kept Animals Bill, which had the potential to crack down on this illegal trade, was dropped; and backs the Trust's demands that we bring an end to the horrors of puppy smuggling.

79 Sanctions imposed on Everton Football ClubTabled: **20/11/23** Signatories: **26**

Ian Byrne
Kim Johnson
Mick Whitley
Paula Barker
Peter Dowd
John McDonnell

Chris Stephens

Tony Lloyd

That this House condemns the grossly unjust points deduction imposed on Everton Football Club by a Premier League Commission, a punishment lacking any legal or equitable foundation or justification for the level of sanction; notes that financial-not-sporting penalties for far more severe breaches have been applied, including the industry-and-community-threatening European Super League; declares that sporting sanctions unfairly punish supporters; notices the improper dismissal of extraordinary mitigating circumstances outlined by Everton; impresses on the House Everton's investment in North Liverpool, its 2028 Euro Stadium, and the club's long-standing, commendable commitment to Liverpool's vulnerable; gravely remarks that these investments are now under threat; that this House contends the Premier League can no longer fairly govern top-flight football without independent scrutiny and legislation; asserts that the Commission's cavalier approach to points deductions necessitates acceleration of the introduction of the Government's proposed Independent Regulator; urges the Government to immediately establish an Independent Football Regulator that will safeguard the future of the game, enforce compliance with financial regulation, and establish new guardrails for corporate governance, club ownership, fan engagement, and competition regulation; requests the suspension of all proceedings and sanctions made by the Commission until the Regulator makes its own determinations; and demands fan ownership and board representation.

80 Local Housing Allowance and housing supply

Tabled: 20/11/23 Signatories: 31

Paula Barker
Kim Johnson
Mary Kelly Foy
Caroline Lucas
Jim Shannon
Mick Whitley

Tony Lloyd

That this House acknowledges the endemic housing crisis which now affects all communities across the country and the unsustainable rent increases across the private rented sector; affirms the current inadequacy of Local Housing Allowance, frozen since April 2020; believes that Local Housing Allowance has not kept pace with rising rents; recognises that Discretionary Housing Payments are insufficient in reducing the burden on local authority homelessness teams; expresses concern at the strain temporary accommodation is placing on local authority budgets; welcomes any commitment by any of the major parties to increase housing supply over the medium and long term; implores any potential party of government to commit to immediate interventions to alleviate the housing and homelessness emergency in the short term; and urges the Government to unfreeze Local Housing Allowance during forthcoming fiscal events and restore it to, at the very minimum, the 30th percentile of rents in every local authority area.

82 Safe access zones

Tabled: 20/11/23 Signatories: 12

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Kim Johnson
Ms Diane Abbott
Ian Byrne
Jonathan Edwards
John McDonnell

Caroline Lucas

That this House celebrates the legislative introduction of Safe Access Zones around abortion clinics and buildings offering abortion services in the Public Order Act 2023; notes that although the Act received Royal Assent on 2 May 2023, provisions within the Act about Safe Access Zones, as outlined in section 9, have yet to come into force and require the introduction of a statutory instrument, as outlined in section 35(5) of the Act; is concerned that, until Safe Access Zones are enforced, pro-life protestors are permitted to continue staging protests outside abortion facilities, potentially hindering access to services and intimidating service users and staff; acknowledges that Safe Access Zones are a key instrument to protecting women's access to healthcare and their right to choose; and therefore calls on the Home Secretary to bring forward a statutory instrument to enforce Safe Access Zones around abortion clinics and buildings offering abortion services without further delay.

83 Hearings on the return of African artefacts and ancestral remains

Tabled: 20/11/23 Signatories: 21

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Mary Kelly Foy
Kim Johnson
Ms Diane Abbott
Zarah Sultana
Ian Byrne

Caroline Lucas

Chris Stephens

Tony Lloyd

That this House seeks to honour and continue the work of the late Bernie Grant, former Member of Parliament for Tottenham, on the restitution of African artefacts and ancestral remains; notes the recent report by the APPG on Afrikan Reparations entitled, *Hearings on the Restitution of Stolen African Artefacts and Ancestral Remains*, which brings together a diverse range of experts and perspectives on the matter of restitution of African artefacts and human remains from museums and other cultural institutions; agrees that countries have the right to care for their own cultural heritage, and their own cultural artefacts; is appalled by the disregard shown by the British Museum for the significance of some of the cultural artefacts in its possession, which has led to several cultural artefacts being improperly quantified, organised or labelled; believes this demonstrates the British Museum's unsuitability to be a proper custodian of the cultural artefacts of other nations; regrets that British institutions are falling behind other countries such as Germany who are now leading on restitution issues after having recognised the moral and ethical dimensions of the issue; suggests that through supporting restitution efforts and implementing necessary changes to legislation and museum practices, the Government can take significant steps towards rectifying historical injustices and fostering a more equitable and inclusive approach to cultural heritage; and calls on the Government to acknowledge and enact the seven recommendations in the APPG for Afrikan Reparation's report entitled, *Hearings on the Restitution of Stolen African Artefacts and Ancestral Remains*.

89 Asbestos-related lung cancer

Tabled: 21/11/23 Signatories: 12

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy
Paul Girvan
John McDonnell
Jeremy Corbyn

Caroline Lucas

Chris Stephens

That this House is concerned that sufferers of asbestos-related lung cancer are denied full compensation if they are unable to trace all their former employers whose negligence contributed to the disease; recognises that the number of people affected is small, but the impact on their lives and the lives of their families can be devastating; is aware that section 3 of the Compensation Act 2006 allows sufferers of mesothelioma in these circumstances to receive full compensation; further recognises that mesothelioma and asbestos-related lung cancer are similar diseases which are often difficult to distinguish, even with expert medical evidence; believes that sufferers of asbestos-related lung cancer should have their right to full compensation protected by legislation; and urges the Government to introduce legislation similar to section 3 of the Compensation Act 2006 for sufferers of asbestos-related lung cancer.

91 Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

Tabled: 21/11/23 Signatories: 31

Mrs Paulette Hamilton
 Jim Shannon
 Jonathan Edwards
 Mick Whitley
 Layla Moran
 Jon Trickett

Caroline Lucas
 Andy McDonald
 Ian Paisley

Paul Blomfield
 Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
 Mr Clive Betts

Kate Osamor
 Chris Stephens

That this House acknowledges that November is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month; recognises that survival rates in the UK still lag behind much of the rest of Europe and the World; notes that pancreatic cancer is difficult to detect and that diagnosis takes too long with slow processes and multiple tests leaving people in the dark; understands that once identified, people face huge obstacles getting the information and care they need to be well enough to have treatment with many people feeling they have no support plan in place, and no help to manage symptoms; further understands that once diagnosed, seven out of ten people don't get any treatment, the highest proportion of all cancer types, and that half of people die within a month of diagnosis; believes that people with pancreatic cancer urgently need a faster, fairer, funded pathway throughout their diagnosis, treatment and care; supports Pancreatic Cancer UK's efforts to ensure implementation of such a pathway; commends all of the charities and activist organisations and their dedicated supporters for their tireless efforts to raise awareness of pancreatic cancer; and wishes everyone involved with Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month every success in their endeavours.

92 Age Scotland's 80th Anniversary

Tabled: 21/11/23 Signatories: 6

Patricia Gibson
 Jim Shannon
 Steven Bonnar
 Stewart Malcolm McDonald
 Patrick Grady
 Chris Stephens

That this House celebrates the 80th anniversary of Age Scotland's work to support older people; understands that the first meeting of an earlier incarnation of Age Scotland, the Scottish Old People's Welfare Committee, took place in Edinburgh in January 1943 to support the war effort and the wellbeing of older people in Scotland; acknowledges that the Committee's aims were to gather information on the present position of the care and welfare of the aged and to raise awareness of the needs of older people; considers that, in the past 80 years, Age Scotland has made an invaluable contribution through its work in helping older people to live as well as possible, in promoting positive views of ageing and later life, and in tackling loneliness and isolation; notes that Age Scotland recently published the findings of its Big Survey 2023, which aims to take the temperature of what it is like to be an older person in Scotland; recognises that one of the events planned to mark this milestone is a parliamentary reception on 15 November 2023 to celebrate the contribution of older people and groups from the North Ayrshire and Arran constituency and across Scotland, including the winners of Age Scotland's annual awards, and to hear about the charity's latest research, which outlines the political priorities of people over the age of 50 and how they feel about growing older in Scotland; and wishes chief executive, Katherine Crawford, and everyone at Age Scotland continued success.

95 Retirement of Stephen McLellan from Recovery Across Mental Health

Tabled: 22/11/23 Signatories: 6

Mhairi Black
Kirsten Oswald
Gavin Newlands
Patrick Grady
Chris Stephens
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Stephen McLellan for his 33 years of service in the West of Scotland for Recovery Across Mental Health (RAMH); notes that RAMH do vital work giving support to individuals and communities that experience mental ill health; recognises that Stephen's efforts and contribution in supporting our communities have been both admirable and invaluable; and wishes Stephen all the best for his retirement.

96 25th Anniversary of East Kilbride Visually Impaired Group

Tabled: 22/11/23 Signatories: 4

Dr Lisa Cameron
Patrick Grady
Chris Stephens
Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates the 25th Anniversary of East Kilbride Visually Impaired Group; recognises that the group was started by Brian Hunter in 1998 with five attendees and has grown to having more than 30 attendees each week who benefit from local support and services; commends all volunteers and members, including Margaret Taylor, the Group Secretary, who first joined eleven years ago making everyone's tea; thanks everyone providing transport who ensure that members can access meetings where they enjoy sharing experiences and a sense of community; further commends those providing funding for this invaluable work to continue across East Kilbride as it is run on a voluntary basis; calls for wider advocacy and inclusive policy development involving visually impaired people; and wishes East Kilbride Visually Impaired Group ongoing success for the future.

97 20th Anniversary of East Kilbride Healthy and Active Group

Tabled: 22/11/23 Signatories: 4

Dr Lisa Cameron
Patrick Grady
Chris Stephens
Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates the 20th Anniversary of the Healthy and Active group in East Kilbride; commends every volunteer and staff member who are dedicated to supporting the East Kilbride community in helping members to achieve inclusion, personal independence and confidence; recognises that the group started 20 years ago with the inception of the Shopmobility service; further recognises that Healthy and Active have significantly expanded their services to include a community hub and wellbeing and cost of living support alongside outdoor activities; and wishes every ongoing success to Healthy and Active for the future.

98 Cost of applying for indefinite leave under the bereaved partner concession

Tabled: 22/11/23 Signatories: 11

Stuart C McDonald
Steven Bonnar
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Claire Hanna
Patrick Grady
Ben Lake

Sir Stephen Timms

Chris Stephens

Jim Shannon

That this House supports the Refugee and Migrant Forum of Essex and London's call for a fee waiver to be introduced for grieving widows applying for indefinite leave to remain under the bereaved partner concession; notes that the death of a loved one brings multiple emotional, practical and financial costs; acknowledges that people whose leave to remain in the UK is tied to a partner who dies are in a particularly vulnerable situation; regrets that the spouses of deceased partners are now required to pay £2,885 for the concession despite the application costing just £491 for the government to process; further notes that people who cannot afford this fee may be forced to leave the UK or face detention and removal after the death of their partner; notes that the lack of a fee waiver for the concession discriminates against women who constitute almost 70 per cent of those on family visas; believes it is irrational for the government to introduce a concession in recognition of these applicants' vulnerability but first insist on payment of a fee that people cannot afford; and calls for a fee waiver to be introduced.

99 Joan Jara

Tabled: 22/11/23 Signatories: 10

Jeremy Corbyn
John McDonnell
Zarah Sultana
Apsana Begum
Richard Burgon
Beth Winter

Mary Kelly Foy

Chris Stephens

Tony Lloyd

This House notes with sadness the recent passing of Joan Jara in Santiago; acknowledges that she was the widow of the late Victor Jara who brought so much joy to the people of Chile and who inspired the election of Salvador Allende in 1970 until his murder in the 1973 coup; recalls that Joan lived in exile in Britain throughout the worst of the Pinochet years and on her return to Chile contributed to the musical and artistic scene; commends her determination to keep hope and popular unity alive; and deeply regrets her passing.

100 Sporting ambitions of children on dependent visas

Tabled: 23/11/23 Signatories: 4

Daisy Cooper
Wendy Chamberlain
Chris Stephens
Jim Shannon

That this House notes that some people who are legally residing in the United Kingdom have children attached to their dependent visas who are extremely talented at sports; expresses extreme

disappointment at the refusal of the Home Office to establish a route for these talented children on dependent visas to enter a professional sporting environment to further their career; regrets that children who have entered the UK dependants are precluded from pursuing a professional sporting career; and calls on the Government to engage with the Professional Footballers Association, football clubs and other sporting bodies that want to nurture the sporting talent of these young people.

101 Go North East bus strike

Tabled: 23/11/23 Signatories: 6

Grahame Morris
Mary Kelly Foy
Jon Trickett
Kate Osborne
Chris Stephens
Jim Shannon

That this House condemns Go North East for their failure to resolve ongoing industrial action; notes that when at full operation Go North East is part of a failed status quo of sub standard public transport provision in the North East region outside of major cities; believes Go North East undermines the local economy by paying drivers 20% less in the North East than in the North West; supports pay parity and equal pay for equal work and North East drivers should receive the same rates of pay as colleagues in the North West; and calls on the Government to recognise that privatised deregulated bus services is damaging our community, local economy and employment and urgent reform is required to create publicly owned, publicly run municipal bus provision that reinvests profits into better wages, terms and conditions, lower fares, more frequent and reliable service that meets the needs of the community and new green and environmentally sustainable infrastructure rather than continuing to pay excessive executive pay and shareholder dividends.

102 Radio Teleswitching Service

Tabled: 23/11/23 Signatories: 4

Jamie Stone
Wendy Chamberlain
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the Radio Teleswitching Service's (RTS) impending closure in March 2024; understands the importance of the service in optimising energy bills and supporting effective energy usage for almost one million consumers nationally; appreciates the challenges faced by suppliers in transitioning customers to new smart metre technology; further understands that not all households will have access to the smart metre network in time for the closure of RTS; and therefore calls on the government to step in and work with energy suppliers to ensure households are effectively transitioned to alternative technology within the mentioned time frame, alleviating potential price increases and protecting households from heating and energy supply disruption.