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New EDMs

136 Glencore's mining activities in Colombia and Peru (No. 3)

Tabled: 4/12/23 Signatories: 1

Tony Lloyd

That this House expresses its concerns regarding the environmental and health impacts of the Carbones de Cerrejón open-pit coalmine in Colombia and the Antapaccay-Coroccohuayco mine in Espinar in Peru, both owned by British-registered multinational Glencore Plc; notes that eight UN Special Rapporteurs called for a halt to Cerrejón's mining operations because of health and environmental concerns; highlights the specific concerns of the Colombian Wayuu indigenous peoples and the UN Special Rapporteurs regarding contamination of the air, water and vegetation, irreversible biodiversity loss and damage to the globally important dry forest ecosystem; expresses its concern regarding documented child malnutrition in communities near the Cerrejón mine; further highlights indigenous peoples' concerns regarding the beyond permissible levels of heavy metals in Espinar; highlights reports that the information needed to comply with informed consent under ILO Convention 169 for the Espinar mine's expansion is not available to communities; notes that Glencore is suing the Colombian government pursuant to the investor-state dispute settlement mechanism clause within an applicable trade agreement challenging a Colombian High Court decision upholding the fundamental rights of indigenous peoples in relation to the Bruno Stream, Arroyo Bruno; calls on the UK Government to join other governments which do not include an investor state dispute settlement mechanism provision in their trade agreements, thereby preventing companies from suing governments over climate policies; and further calls on the UK to adopt a business, human rights and environment act to protect communities harmed by mining linked to UK companies and their supply chains.

137 Ann Nisbet and the 2023 Doolan Best Building award

Tabled: 4/12/23 Signatories: 1

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

That this House congratulations to Ann Nisbet for securing the title of Scotland's Best Building of the Year 2023, awarded by the Royal Incorporation of Architects; applauds Ann and her studio for their outstanding achievement in designing and bringing to life a building within a ruin, a project that stood out and earned her this prestigious accolade; recognises the dedication and skill demonstrated by Ann in preserving the character of the original structure and its harmonious integration with the landscape in Cuddymoss, Ayrshire; and extends best wishes to Ann for continued success in her future endeavours.

138 EmilyTest Gender-Based Violence Charter Award to St Andrews

Tabled: 4/12/23 Signatories: 1

Wendy Chamberlain

That the House commends the University of St Andrews on becoming the first university in the UK to be granted the EmilyTest Gender-Based Violence Charter Award; understands that the University was presented with the award on 22 November by the charity's founder and CEO Fiona Drouet MBE and Scottish Minister for Higher and Further Education Graeme Dey; recognises that achieving the award involved significant work by both students and staff and involved the University's policies, practices and procedures on gender-based violence being assessed by a trained independent panel; believes that the award demonstrates the University's commitment to achieving a campus that is responsible in tackling gender-based violence; notes that the charity EmilyTest was founded by Fiona Drouet after her daughter Emily, an 18-year-old undergraduate law student, took her own life after being subjected to a sustained campaign of abuse at the hands of a fellow student; further notes that the charity focuses on tackling gender-based violence in education and, alongside the Charter, has developed training programmes and a risk assessment, helping to ensure universities and colleges have the skills, training and resources needed to keep students safe; congratulates the University on taking steps to ensure that it can tackle gender-based violence effectively; and encourages other education institutions to work towards the award.

139 No.40 by Bruin's first birthday

Tabled: 4/12/23 Signatories: 1

Amy Callaghan

That this House commends No.40 by Bruin on its first birthday; recognises the contribution they make to the community in Bearsden, especially by supporting local suppliers and promoting small Scottish businesses; notes its focus on sustainability, helping the local community to access high-quality goods which are responsibly sourced; celebrates the community it has created through its friendly atmosphere and regular events; and wishes everyone at No.40 by Bruin all the best for the future.

140 70th anniversary of Ayr Hospital Radio

Tabled: 4/12/23 Signatories: 1

Allan Dorans

That this House recognises, celebrates and congratulates Ayr Hospital Radio, one of Scotland's oldest hospital radio stations on their 70th anniversary; notes that Ayr Hospital Radio was initially established in 1953 to provide patients in Ayr Hospital with live commentary of Ayr United Football

Club match days; further notes that it has developed over the years as a charity and is now based at the University Hospital Ayr, with a team of currently about twenty five volunteers; observes that it is a live, seven days a week radio service, broadcasting an eclectic range of music and entertainment for patients in local hospitals and available on the world wide web for the local community; highlights that it provides the opportunity for patients requests and for relatives and friends to request dedication for patients, contributing to their recovery and wellbeing; further highlights that it provides training, skills and experience for volunteers in broadcasting; notes especially the contribution on Mr Mike Manley, one of the original founders and longest serving volunteer, the volunteer Management Committee; and gives thanks to all the volunteers over the last 70 years for their contribution to the community.

141 **Perth Racecourse and the Racecourse Association Showcase Awards 2023**

Tabled: **4/12/23** Signatories: **1**

Pete Wishart

That this House congratulates Perth Racecourse on its victory in the Diversity and Inclusion category of the Racecourse Association's 2023 Showcase Awards; understands that this award was in recognition of Perth Racecourse's Pride Raceday event, the first-headline billed Pride Raceday in British racing, which attracted thousands of new racegoers to Perth for the first time; and commends Perth Racecourse on its commitment to creating an unrivalled racing experience that offers a blend of tradition and innovation for racing enthusiasts, business and the local community.

142 **Venezuela and Guyana**

Tabled: **4/12/23** Signatories: **1**

Daniel Kawczynski

That this House recognises neither the illegitimate Socialist dictator of Venezuela as President nor his immoral and dangerous referendum to try to seize vast territory from Guyana; notes that this border was settled over 100 years ago; believes that in his attempt to distract the Venezuelan people from the economic disaster that his hard Socialism has brought to the country he is attempting to steal land from Guyana now that this country has found large oil and gas reserves; given the highly biased nature of the questions and extensive irregularities of the referendum urges the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office to publicly condemn and reject the outcome; also urges the Government, as the former colonial power, to come to the assistance of Guyana to protect that nation's integrity and border; and further urges the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office to raise the issue urgently at the UN and to work with Caricom and others to do everything possible to protect Guyana.

143 **75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights**

Tabled: **4/12/23** Signatories: **1**

Tony Lloyd

That this House celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; notes that its adoption in 1948 was a watershed moment reflecting the collective determination of world leaders to prevent a repetition of the horrors inflicted during World War Two and to champion the inherent dignity of every individual; recognises the Declaration's continued importance in empowering and protecting many globally; regrets that millions continue to suffer appalling violations of the rights set out in the Declaration; expresses its solidarity with human rights defenders, particularly those working at great risk to themselves and their communities, and governmental and non-governmental organisations focused on the realisation of human rights;

calls on the Government to ensure that the promotion and protection of fundamental human rights is a key plank of its foreign policy, including in its bilateral and multilateral trading and security arrangements, and to do more to support human rights and environmental defenders; and further calls on the Government to bring forward legislative proposals on mandatory supply chain due diligence to protect human rights and the environment, modelled on the Bribery Act 2010.

144 40th anniversary of the Scotch Malt Whisky Society

Tabled: 4/12/23 Signatories: 1

Deidre Brock

That this House congratulates the Scotch Malt Whisky Society, which has been celebrating its 40th anniversary throughout 2023; notes that the Society was founded in 1983 by a group of friends in Edinburgh, led by Pip Hills, who had previously jointly purchased a cask of single malt Scotch whisky and wanted to share the experience of sampling single cask whisky with the wider public; further notes that the founding of the society led to the opening of dedicated society tasting rooms at the Vaults in Leith, with later venues opening in London, Queen Street in Edinburgh and most recently in Glasgow; recognises the growth in membership across the UK and around the world over the past four decades, and the expansion of the Society's bottlings into a range of different spirits, while still maintaining an enthusiasm for rare and unique flavours and a sense of adventure and exploration across their output; notes that events and activities to mark the anniversary have included a refurbishment of the original Vaults venue and a record-breaking online whisky tasting event recognised by the Guinness Book of World Records; and wishes all those involved with the Society every success in the years to come.

145 Erin Boothman

Tabled: 4/12/23 Signatories: 1

Kirsten Oswald

That this House congratulates Erin Boothman, a pupil from Williamwood High School, East Renfrewshire, on her recent cycling successes; notes that Erin achieved a fantastic result at the British Youth Track Cycling Championships in 2022, placing 2nd in the under-16 women's category; further notes that in July 2023 Erin was crowned champion at the National Youth Omnium Championship at the Lee Valley VeloPark; understands that Erin represented Team GB at the European Youth Olympic Festival in Slovenia where she won a silver medal in the time trial despite some very tough competition from other participants; further understands that Erin was awarded a place on the Scottish Cycling Junior Training Programme; notes that Erin is working towards her goal of representing Scotland at the next Commonwealth Games; and wishes Erin all the very best as she continues in her cycling career.

146 Monkton Milers' santa dash for Ayrshire Parkinson's Group

Tabled: 4/12/23 Signatories: 1

Dr Philippa Whitford

That this House congratulates the Monkton Milers on organising their highly successful Santa Dash in Troon to raise funds for the Ayrshire Parkinson's Group; notes that Rachel Cox, Chairperson of the Milers, won the JogScotland Jog Leader of the Year in 2022, and acknowledges the valuable contribution such volunteer-led running groups make towards keeping people active and healthy as well as raising funds to support local community projects.

147 Dermatology servicesTabled: **4/12/23** Signatories: **1****Jim Shannon**

That this House supports AbbVie's new report From National Guidance to Local Action: Improving Access to Dermatology Services; recognises that patients with long term inflammatory skin conditions wait too long in accessing care, services and treatment in the UK; understands the pressing workforce need in dermatology; further understands that, once diagnosed, patients face long waits before being seen in secondary care after referral; believes that patients should receive timely access to approved treatments they are eligible for regardless of where they live; and urges the Government to ensure that the latest guidance from NHS England to improve capacity in dermatology services, including Referral Optimisation for People with Skin Conditions, Teledermatology Virtual Urgent Cancer Pathway and Patient Initiated Follow Ups, are implemented and barriers in access to care, services and treatment are removed.

148 Retirement of Paul McLaughlinTabled: **4/12/23** Signatories: **1****Amy Callaghan**

That this house warmly congratulates Mr Paul McLaughlin on his retirement after twenty years of dedicated service as headteacher at St. Ninian's High School in Kirkintilloch, East Dunbartonshire; recognises Mr Paul McLaughlin's unwavering commitment to education and his tireless efforts in fostering an environment of learning and growth at St. Ninian's, demonstrated by the school achieving the prestigious Raising Attainment in Numeracy award in 2017 at the Scottish Education Awards; commends Mr Paul McLaughlin for playing a pivotal role in shaping the lives of countless students and contributing to the overall success and reputation of St. Ninian's, which was reflected in his achievements in his post as headteacher when he was named Headteacher of the Year at the Scottish Education Awards in 2009, due to his inspirational leadership at St. Ninian's High School; acknowledges the positive impact Mr Paul McLaughlin has had on the school community, creating a culture of inclusivity and respect, dedicated to nurturing not only academic achievements but also the holistic development of students, instilling in them values that extend beyond the classroom, which is highlighted through St. Ninian's High School collaboration with Celtic Youth Academy and its intermediate school programme; wishes Mr Paul McLaughlin a well-deserved and fulfilling retirement, filled with joy, relaxation and new adventures; and calls on the House to join in extending a heartfelt thanks to Mr. Paul McLaughlin for his outstanding contributions to education and the wider Kirkintilloch community throughout his tenure as headteacher at St. Ninian's High School.

149 85th anniversary of the return of the British and Irish volunteers in the International BrigadesTabled: **4/12/23** Signatories: **6**

Beth Winter
Richard Burgon
Chris Stephens
Jeremy Corbyn
Ian Byrne
Claire Hanna

That this House notes that 7 December 2023 marks the 85th anniversary of the return to Britain of the British and Irish volunteer members of the International Brigades who fought on the side of the Republican Government against fascism of Franco, Mussolini and Hitler in the Spanish Civil War;

recalls that 304 volunteers of around 2500 who served from Britain, Ireland and the Commonwealth were met at Victoria Station by Labour Party leader Clement Attlee MP; regrets the 530 deaths the British and Irish volunteers suffered; notes there are now over 100 memorials to volunteers across Britain and that they continue to increase in number; and celebrates the ongoing work of the International Brigade Memorial Trust, including through its work in schools, and through its close relationship with official governmental and civic society sister organisations in Spain, to keep the volunteers memory alive.

150 Reductions in railway funding

Tabled: 4/12/23 Signatories: 23

Ian Mearns
Grahame Morris
Rachael Maskell
John McDonnell
Caroline Lucas
Liz Saville Roberts

Chris Stephens
 Jeremy Corbyn
 Apsana Begum
 Clive Lewis
 Ian Byrne
 Charlotte Nichols

Zarah Sultana
 Andy McDonald
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Kim Johnson
 Claudia Webbe
 Kate Osborne

Ian Lavery
 Richard Burgon
 Mick Whitley
 Sam Tarry
 Nadia Whittome

That this House notes the Government funding settlement for the next five-year Railway Control Period 7 from 2024 to 2029 will result in a £1.2bn cut in Network Rail's budget for vital safety-critical railway infrastructure work compared to the previous five year period; further notes these cuts will fall on the renewal of track, signalling and other assets at a time of increased degradation of railway assets and structures, and that extreme weather events linked to climate change could lead to an increased risk of structural and earthwork failures similar to those that caused the Carmont rail disaster in 2020; is concerned that Network Rail's reduction in spend on railway renewals and an increased reliance on railway maintenance will lead to an increase in safety risks and a reduction in performance, including speed restrictions and 'go slows' and the loss of rail worker's jobs and skills which are needed for now and in the future; highlights that these cuts to infrastructure funding are part of Network Rail's drive under Government instruction to make efficiency savings; believes these rail cuts are a false economy that will increase economic inefficiencies within the railway and wider economy; and calls on the Government to reverse the £1.2bn cut in renewals and instead protect rail safety, services and jobs delivering efficiencies through reducing fragmentation and moving to a unified, integrated and publicly owned railway.

151 Medical support for children in Gaza

Tabled: 4/12/23 Signatories: 1

Hywel Williams

That this House notes that the United Nations Children's Fund has warned that Gaza is the most dangerous place in the world to be a child, following the end of the temporary pause in hostilities between Israel and Hamas on 1 December 2023; mourns the fact that at least 6,150 children have been killed in Gaza since 7 October 2023; further notes that hundreds of children are suffering severe injuries such as burns, amputations and complex fractures due to the conflict; applauds the offer of countries such as France to make arrangements to treat wounded and sick children

from Gaza in hospitals in France; and calls on the United Kingdom to offer similar support to the children of Gaza.

152 Saving rates at mutual organisations

Tabled: 4/12/23 Signatories: 1

Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House notes that regular savers can obtain much higher interest rates with mutual organisations than at most high street banks and can also receive one-off financial benefits for switching; and calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to meet with representatives of banks to encourage them to offer more competitive rates to their millions of savers, especially older citizens, many of whom depend on interest from their savings to supplement their State Pension income.

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.

85 Paxlovid and clinically vulnerable patients

Tabled: 21/11/23 Signatories: 5

Daisy Cooper

Jim Shannon

John McDonnell

Rachael Maskell

Munira Wilson

That this House calls on the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to reject the request from NHS England to delay the roll-out of Covid antiviral treatment Paxlovid; further calls for the additional funds and resources necessary to be provided to NHS England to ensure this treatment reaches all recommended patients this winter; notes with grave concern that a 12 month delay would deny treatment to an estimated 10 million patients at high and moderate risk of hospitalisation and death from Covid-19 infection; further notes the lack of any government strategy to support the immuno-compromised to live with covid; regrets that this request comes at a time when the National Health Service is likely to face unprecedented seasonal pressures with 80% of NHS leaders expecting this winter's capacity crisis to be more extreme than last year; recognises the alleviatory impact that such antivirals will have in reducing hospital admissions; censures the request as out of step with the 10 November 2023 update to World Health Organisation guidance which strongly recommends Paxlovid for high risk groups; notes that a decision to delay access to life-saving treatment has potential wider implications for patient access to future innovations; and is astounded that such a recommendation would be considered appropriate when the Department for Health and Social Care already holds a stockpile of this drug, of which more than half would expire and have to be destroyed during the period between 30 November 2023 and 29 February 2024.

89 Asbestos-related lung cancer

Tabled: 21/11/23 Signatories: 19

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

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

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: 43

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

Munira Wilson

Kate Osborne

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.

100 Sporting ambitions of children on dependent visas

Tabled: 23/11/23 Signatories: 6

Daisy Cooper
Wendy Chamberlain
Chris Stephens
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Mohammad Yasin

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.

103 Rwanda asylum scheme and the UK's legal obligations

Tabled: 27/11/23 Signatories: 17

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

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

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.

105 The Fire Brigades Union's DECON Campaign

Tabled: 27/11/23 Signatories: 15

Mary Kelly Foy
 Jim Shannon
 Jon Trickett
 Apsana Begum
 John McDonnell
 Zarah Sultana

Caroline Lucas

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: 13

Daisy Cooper
 Jim Shannon
 Gavin Robinson
 Jonathan Edwards
 Rachael Maskell
 Owen Thompson

Caroline Lucas

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

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.

111 Wee Chippy and the Scottish Fish and Chip Awards

Tabled: 27/11/23 Signatories: 4

Wendy Chamberlain
 Jim Shannon
 Sarah Dyke
 Mohammad Yasin

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.

113 COP28

Tabled: 27/11/23 Signatories: 29

Caroline Lucas
Alex Sobel
Claire Hanna
Mary Kelly Foy
Jim Shannon
Wera Hobhouse

Beth Winter
Richard Foord
Kenny MacAskill

Stephen Farry
Tommy Sheppard
Tony Lloyd

Debbie Abrahams
Zarah Sultana

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: 8

Sir Christopher Chope
Sir Julian Lewis
Paul Bristow
Philip Davies
Sir Edward Leigh
Ian Lavery

John McDonnell

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.

119 70 years of PanoramaTabled: **28/11/23** Signatories: **7**

Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Rachael Maskell
Claudia Webbe
Mohammad Yasin

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

That this House celebrates 70 years of Panorama, that first appeared on screens on 11 November 1953; highlights how loved the programme is and the light it sheds on some of the world's most talked about events, including crime, international affairs, health, politics and social matters; notes the exploration of complex stories which appeals to millions of watchers across the UK and further afield; thanks the producers for their work in creating such an interesting, much loved series; and wishes the programme many more years of success.

121 Anniversary of the Bhopal gas leakTabled: **28/11/23** Signatories: **13**

Mr Virendra Sharma
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
John McDonnell
Kim Johnson
Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Caroline Lucas

That this House remembers 2 and 3 December 1984, when a Union Carbide factory leaked ultra-toxic chemical methyl isocyanate across sixteen square miles of the city of Bhopal, India, exposing 573,000 people to poison gases; deplores the continuing suffering in Bhopal 39 years after the world's worst industrial disaster; recognises a 2023 study of the university of San Diego that finds eight times higher rates of cancer among those in utero in 1984; notes that 200,000 people now live in areas in which persistent organic pollutants such as organochlorines, solvents and heavy metals contaminate drinking water due to thousands of tons of toxic wastes dumped around the factory being left uncleaned, despite Carbide knowing of the threats to health since the 1980's; notes Carbide's owner Dow Inc refuses India's criminal jurisdiction, in violation of international law, in a manslaughter case concerning the deaths of over 23,000 people; commends the work of Indian civil society groups, the International Campaign for Justice in Bhopal, the Trades Union Congress, UNISON and Action for Bhopal in campaigning on this issue; further commends UK charity the Bhopal Medical Appeal for providing free care to Bhopal's damaged children; and calls for justice and dignity for the victims, who have been waiting 39 years to finally receive closure.

123 Launch of The Rational Policy-Maker's Guide to the NHS report

Tabled: 28/11/23 Signatories: 15

Richard Burgon
Caroline Lucas
Kenny MacAskill
Margaret Greenwood
Ian Byrne
Jim Shannon

Jon Trickett

This House welcomes the publication of the report *The Rational Policy-Maker's Guide to the NHS*; supports the report's main conclusions that the NHS is the best and most cost-effective healthcare model yet to be demonstrated in practice in an advanced economy, that the current serious underperformance of the NHS is not the result of its publicly-funded and publicly-provided model but the inevitable result of 13 years of underfunding, and that the worsening health of the British public resulting from this underinvestment is holding back economic growth; notes that the NHS was, until recently, consistently regarded as the best health service in the world by the Commonwealth Fund; further believes that NHS funding has failed to keep pace with need and that no healthcare system can withstand the levels of sustained underfunding experienced by the NHS since 2010 without significant deterioration in its performance; rejects calls for any greater role for the private sector in the NHS, for any privatisation of the NHS or any replacement of funding through progressive taxation with direct charges or what would be a more expensive insurance-based system; and encourages all hon. Members to read the report and policy-makers to act in line with its recommendations and findings.

125 60th anniversary of Dr Who

Tabled: 29/11/23 Signatories: 23

Kate Osborne
Grahame Morris
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Mick Whitley
Nadia Whittome
Richard Burgon

Alison Thewliss
Tony Lloyd

Valerie Vaz

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Dr Who on reaching its 60th anniversary; welcomes the inclusive and diverse nature of the 60th anniversary episode; notes the long history of Doctor Who breaking barriers in inclusion in gender and diversity including the recent positive representation of trans people; further notes the pleasure and enjoyment that it has brought to many generations of fans; and highlights that the BBC is truly providing its licence payers with the best of the BBC in this programming.

128 BBC investigative journalism

Tabled: 29/11/23 Signatories: 20

John McDonnell
Grahame Morris
Rachael Maskell
Owen Thompson
Jim Shannon
Ian Lavery

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Mary Kelly Foy

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

That this House deplores the announcement by the BBC that more than half the jobs on flagship weekday evening programme Newsnight will be lost as part of the latest misguided Digital First savings strategy; regrets that Newsnight will no longer screen investigative reporting and will be truncated to just thirty minutes; is further concerned by proposed reductions to the budget of Panaroma; welcomes investment into the creation of digital news content but remains deeply sceptical of claims that this will compensate for cuts to flagship investigative news programmes; and calls on BBC management to work constructively with the National Union of Journalists to avoid compulsory redundancies and retain the key skills and expertise of its investigative journalists.

131 Verification of gestational age for at-home abortions

Tabled: 29/11/23 Signatories: 8

Carla Lockhart
Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Martin Vickers
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Ian Paisley

Angus Brendan MacNeil

That this House welcomes the introduction of the At Home Early Medical Abortion (Review) Bill [HL] that seeks a review into the risks to women of at-home abortion under current law; expresses its support for the Bill; calls on the Government to reinstate in-person medical appointments before abortion pills may be prescribed to determine the gestational age of a baby and to ensure women seeking abortion are not facing coercion; notes that recent illegal late-term abortions of viable unborn babies would not have been able to occur had in-person appointments to accurately assess gestational age been required; further notes that self-performing a late-term medical abortion away from a clinical environment without in-person medical supervision puts the lives of women at considerable risk; and calls on the House to reject proposals that would likely lead to a worsening of the situation and the lives of many more women being endangered, by removing offences that make it illegal to perform a self-abortion right through to birth.

132 Economic contribution of Urdd Gobaith Cymru

Tabled: 30/11/23 Signatories: 2

Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon

This House welcomes an independent report by Arad Research which calculated that Urdd Gobaith Cymru, Wales' National Youth Movement, contributed £44.9m to the Welsh economy during the 2022-23 financial year; notes that the Urdd's turnover has increased by 88% over the last five years to £19.6m; further notes that every £1 in income received by the Urdd resulted in an economic value

of £6.96; welcomes the fact that 42% of the 362 staff employed by the movement are under the age of 25; and congratulates the 80% of apprentices who participate in Urdd employment schemes and find work with the Organisation.

133 Musselburgh Racecourse and the Racecourse Association's Showcase Awards

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That this House congratulates Musselburgh Racecourse on being crowned overall Champion Racecourse at the Racecourse Association's (RCA) Showcase Awards, as well as winning the Marketing, Food and Beverage and Racing Post Readers' Awards; understands that The Champion accolade is the highest honour bestowed and means Musselburgh joins a very select list of British racecourses and will also have the opportunity to welcome the sport to their home next year as the RCA host the event in East Lothian; commends Musselburgh's continued drive for excellence in food and beverage in the Pinkie's Deli, a Taste of Scotland's Larder initiative, and a move to more a locally-sourced and evidence-based menu which was a resounding success with racegoers, with the racecourse seen as best in class throughout British racing for its fantastic food and drink offerings; notes that the Racing Post Readers' Award asked the racing public to nominate their favourite racecourse based on race day experience, customer service and value for money, and that Musselburgh scored the highest average across these metrics and polled almost 20 per cent of the overall votes; acknowledges that as a highly successful one-off event in 2019, the Corgi Derby returned to Musselburgh and was integral to a campaign which won the Marketing category; and wishes everyone involved the very best of luck with future events.

134 Teachers' pay in Northern Ireland

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That this House notes the long-standing teachers and schools leaders pay dispute in Northern Ireland; stands with unions and their members campaigning for change; further notes that teacher's pay in Northern Ireland has dropped by a staggering 25% in the past decade, causing recruitment and retention issues, resulting in a continued shortage of teachers and an impact on the quality of education for children and young people; additionally notes that Northern Ireland teachers are paid significantly less than their counterparts elsewhere in the UK; highlights the lack of action on this and the devastating impact this is having on the morale of the profession; calls on the UK Government to take action to implement parity and a fair pay settlement to ensure teachers in NI are properly remunerated for the critical job they do; is concerned by the long-term systemic defunding of school budgets, which is severely hampering schools' abilities to meet the immediate needs of enrolled children; further highlights the demise of many supporting services and initiatives, resulting in additional heavy responsibilities being devolved to schools; and is further concerned by the collapse of support services for children with additional and special educational needs and the

severe shortage of special school places, resulting in children being taught in inappropriate settings with inadequate resourcing for their needs.

135 University of Edinburgh and generative artificial intelligence

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That this House celebrates the successful launch of the Generative Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (GAIL) at the University of Edinburgh on 9 November 2023; acknowledges that the university is a leader in artificial intelligence (AI), as exhibited by its celebration of 60 years of AI research this year; supports that GAIL will develop techniques for generative AI in key areas such as robotics, drug discovery, medical diagnoses, semi-conductor development and tackling climate change; understands experts will also work with the university's Centre for Technomoral Futures to develop ethical, legal and regulatory frameworks necessary to ensure the safe and responsible use of AI; further supports the university's development of relationships with various public and private sector partners, which will allow for even more innovative discovery and economic growth in Scotland and the wider UK with the implementation of GAIL; and once again congratulates the university on its successful launch of GAIL and its continued work on AI.