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New EDMs

241 Scottish Agriculture Awards and Savock Farms

Tabled: 8/01/24 Signatories: 1

Richard Thomson

That this House welcomes the inaugural Scottish Agriculture Awards, where over 450 people celebrated innovation and success in the vital Scottish agricultural sector; recognises the critical role that Scottish agriculture plays in food supply both within Scotland and beyond; notes the large scale of the agricultural sector, especially in the north east of Scotland, which is renowned for quality produce and, in this regard, congratulates the innovation and success of Savock Farms operating in the Ellon area of Aberdeenshire which achieved the prestigious accolade of Arable Farm of Year; and further recognises the vision and effort required to achieve such an accolade and the benefits that the resulting expertise and knowledge bring to the wider sector as we strive for the best possible food and environmental standards.

242 Compensation for Equitable Life policyholders

Tabled: 8/01/24 Signatories: 5

Dr Philippa Whitford

Ronnie Cowan

Patricia Gibson

Kirsten Oswald

Deidre Brock

That this House recognises the financial, personal and social impact on policy holders following the collapse of Equitable Life Assurance Society; calls on the Treasury to ensure that all of the 1.5 billion pounds set aside for the Equitable Life Payments Scheme, is distributed to Equitable Life policyholders who suffered financial loss due to regulatory maladministration; and further calls

on the Treasury to establish a fair distribution of payments following detailed consultation with policyholders and their representatives.

243 Pension restitution for women born in the 1950s

Tabled: 8/01/24 Signatories: 1

Kim Johnson

That this House welcomes the positive interventions from so many hon. Members from across the House on behalf of women born in the 1950s who have suffered pensions loss through the targeting of their pension rights; pays tribute to constituents and campaigners in their ongoing fight for justice; recalls that women born in the 1950s were subject to discriminatory laws; and encourages the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions to join mediation, noting there are no impediments to doing so.

244 Speed enforcement revenue

Tabled: 8/01/24 Signatories: 1

Mohammad Yasin

That this House believes that the income generated by speed enforcement measures should be retained by the local authority and police force where the penalties were issued; recognises that these bodies incur costs for fitting speed cameras and other measures but do not directly receive any income generated by them; and urges the Government to reconsider the allocation of revenue to its consolidated fund.

245 National Lottery funding for Muirhouse Millennium Centre

Tabled: 8/01/24 Signatories: 1

Christine Jardine

That this House congratulates Muirhouse Millennium Centre Ltd on receiving a grant of £62,503 from the National Lottery; understands that this will be used to continue delivering their Low Income Families Together (LIFT) project; notes that LIFT provides individual and group work sessions for parents to learn new skills, drop in sessions for children, a free food sharing shelf and other initiatives aimed at reducing child poverty and improving the wellbeing of families across northwest Edinburgh; and wishes the whole team at Muirhouse Millennium Centre continued success in the future.

246 Radiotherapy

Tabled: 8/01/24 Signatories: 1

Tim Farron

That this House acknowledges the pressing need to reduce treatment waiting times for cancer patients across the country, given only 58.2% of patients begin treatment within the recommended maximum 62 days from referral; recognises the need for a National Cancer Control Plan that improves cancer outcomes by delivering patient-centred, equitable and data-informed cancer control that empowers clinical frontline staff; further recognises that radiotherapy is a key cancer treatment required by 50% of all cancer patients; notes that with the integration of modern radiotherapy technology, IT, and AI developments, radiotherapy has the potential to significantly

reduce waiting times and improve survival in a cost-effective way; further notes with concern that many radiotherapy treatment machines are currently operating beyond their recommended lifespan of 10 years, with 74 due to be replaced by the end of 2024; particularly regrets that millions of people live outside the recommended 45-minute travel time for treatment, especially those in rural areas like Westmorland and Lonsdale, where average travel time is between two and four hours per treatment; further acknowledges the importance of increasing radiotherapy access from the current 27% to the international standard of 50-63% to ensure enough treatment capacity for NHS early diagnosis ambitions to translate into early stage cures; and therefore calls on the Government to ensure that sufficient NHS capital investment is directed towards unlocking the full potential of radiotherapy as a high-tech, cost-effective, and vital cancer treatment method as part of creating a National Cancer Control Plan, which will significantly reduce the backlog.

247 Overseas constituencies

Tabled: 8/01/24 Signatories: 1

Christine Jardine

That this House notes that the Elections Act 2022 increased the number of UK citizens living abroad that are eligible to vote in UK elections to approximately 3.5 million; further notes that UK citizens residing abroad are represented by the MP from their last place of residence in the UK, which may be distant from their current place of residence; notes that the establishment of overseas constituencies would allow UK citizens living abroad to be represented by an MP who is experienced in dealing with the range of problems overseas residents face; notes that parliaments in 17 countries have overseas constituency MPs; and calls on the Government to work with the Boundary Commission to implement overseas constituencies for the House of Commons and with the Electoral Commission and groups representing UK citizens abroad to run a registration drive for eligible citizens to explain how they can register to vote.

248 Scotch whisky industry

Tabled: 8/01/24 Signatories: 1

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House welcomes the £7.1 billion per year contributed in added value to the UK economy by the Scotch whisky industry producing high-quality and internationally successful brands sold to 180 markets around the world; recognises that 75% of the Scotch whisky industry's gross value added is generated in Scotland, supporting 41,000 jobs and a further 25,000 across the UK; further welcomes the over £2 billion of investments made by the industry over the last five years; believes the Scotch whisky industry plays a crucial role in Scotland's ambition to grow its exports, in attracting visitors from overseas to its world-leading visitor experiences, and in decarbonising operations and reaching net zero by 2045; and wishes everyone involved in Scotland's iconic Scotch whisky industry continued success as they continue to play an integral role in communities throughout Scotland.

249 Short-term lets

Tabled: 8/01/24 Signatories: 1

Tim Farron

That this House acknowledges the Government's consultation on introducing a different category of planning use for short-term lets; notes that this consultation ended last June; recognises the urgency and importance of action to introduce a separate category of planning use for short term lets as the government has promised; further recognises that this is in order to maintain housing stock that is

affordable and available for local people, particularly in communities in the Lake District, Yorkshire Dales, the West Country, coastal communities and other popular tourist destinations; and urges the Government to proceed with introducing a different class of planning use of short-term lets.

250 Illegal street racing

Tabled: 8/01/24 Signatories: 1

Sarah Green

That this House condemns illegal street racing and other vehicle nuisance; is concerned by the safety and anti-social impact of such activity; recognises the detrimental impact that such activity has on communities and individuals; welcomes the recent trials of noise cameras that detect illegal and excessively noisy vehicles; and calls on the Government to provide all relevant organisations with sufficient financial and human resources to tackle illegal street racing and other vehicle nuisance.

251 School Meals Coalition

Tabled: 8/01/24 Signatories: 13

Sir Stephen Timms
Mrs Sharon Hodgson
Mr Clive Betts
Caroline Lucas
Liz Saville Roberts
Chris Stephens

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
 Ian Byrne
 Williams

Kim Johnson
 Mr Virendra Sharma
 Ben Lake

Nadia Whittome
 Hywel

That this House welcomes the creation of the School Meals Coalition; notes the Coalition is a partnership of 96 countries, with responsibility for over 60 percent of the world's population, spanning the full range of geographies and across high, middle and low-income countries; congratulates the Coalition in supporting the reinstatement of school meals programmes following the closure of schools as a result of covid-19; further welcomes the fact that in 2022, 418 million children benefited from school meals compared to 388 million in 2020; further notes the importance of school meals as they protect and support children's health and education while additionally providing wider societal benefits; calls upon the Government to join the School Meals Coalition; and commits to supporting the Coalition's goal that every primary school aged child globally receives a healthy nutritious meal every day in school by 2030.

252 Removal of CBE awarded to Paula Vennells

Tabled: 8/01/24 Signatories: 1

Douglas Ross

That this House believes Paula Vennells, former Chief Executive Officer of the Post Office Ltd, should be stripped of her CBE awarded in the 2019 New Year's Honours List.

253 Sub-postmastersTabled: **8/01/24** Signatories: **22**

Kate Osborne
Ian Byrne
Ian Mearns
Richard Burgon
John McDonnell
Clive Efford

Kate Hollern
 Beth Winter
 Jeremy Corbyn
 Zarah Sultana
 Rachael Maskell
 Jon Trickett

Mrs Sharon Hodgson
 Apsana Begum
 Grahame Morris
 Andy McDonald
 Sarah Owen

Ian Lavery
 Nadia Whittome
 Charlotte Nichols
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Kim Johnson

That this House notes the increased awareness of the life-changing injustices experienced by sub-postmasters throughout the Horizon scandal; further notes it is now known as the most widespread miscarriage of justice in British history; notes with concern that sub-postmasters have served custodial sentences, suffered bankruptcy for offences they did not commit and many have died before seeing justice; expresses concern that the actions of the Post Office and the Government have prolonged this crisis and added barriers to justice being achieved; further notes that the Post Office has repeatedly been exposed for having given out false and misleading information throughout this scandal and should play no part in determining who is entitled to compensation or how much they should get; and strongly urges the Government to take action to ensure full compensation is paid, the remaining convictions are looked at en masse, that justice prevail for all postmasters and that those responsible for this gross miscarriage of justice are held accountable.

254 Short-term medical evacuation of children from GazaTabled: **8/01/24** Signatories: **1**

John McDonnell

That this House welcomes the work of Saving Gaza's Children, an NGO dedicated to supporting the children of Gaza to receive life-saving and time-critical, emergency medical care required as a result of the Israel-Gaza conflict by identifying children in dire need of medical evacuation and securing their evacuation to host states which are currently better equipped to manage their complex and often life-threatening medical needs, liaising directly with Gazan medical teams and the Palestinian Ministry of Health, and working closely with the child's legal guardian to monitor his or her diagnosis, progress, and prognosis whilst remaining sensitive to the fact that Palestinians feel strongly that their children should return to Palestine and paying special attention to ensuring that children are evacuated through documented safe passages and that all necessary protocols are followed to ensure a child's safe return with a focus on supporting injured children back into Palestinian society ensuring that they receive all the support they need to live as normal a life as possible; and urges the Government urgently to liaise with the Egyptian and Palestinian Health Ministries to assist NGOs such as Saving Gaza's Children to create a short-term medical evacuation programme from Gaza to the UK much like the scheme that worked effectively to support Ukrainian children.

255 Government legal advice on GazaTabled: **8/01/24** Signatories: **1****Jon Trickett**

That this House understands that questions have been raised internationally about the legality of the Israeli government's actions in Gaza; recognises that in November 2023 UN experts raised the alarm about the risk of genocide in Gaza; highlights the UN General Secretary's reasons for invoking Article 99 that there is a high risk of total collapse of the humanitarian support system in Gaza, which would have devastating consequences; further highlights his comments to the Security Council that international humanitarian law includes the duty to protect civilians and to comply with the principles of distinction, proportionality and precaution and that the laws of war also demand that civilians' essential needs must be met, including by facilitating the unimpeded delivery of humanitarian relief; notes the Spanish Prime Minister's comments that he has serious doubts that Israel is complying with international humanitarian law; further notes the letter signed by prominent Israeli public figures to the Attorney General in December 2023 which said there have been explicit calls to commit atrocious crimes against millions of civilians, providing evidence of the discourse of annihilation, expulsion and revenge; acknowledges the case South Africa has brought to the International Court of Justice claiming Israel's treatment of Palestinians is tantamount to genocidal actions; and calls on the Government to publish in full the legal advice it has received from its law officers regarding the situation in Gaza, particularly in the run up to UN votes, and the legality of the UK export licensing of arms to the Israel.

256 Scottish Government's industrial strategyTabled: **8/01/24** Signatories: **1****Douglas Chapman**

That this House recognises the UK's low growth, poor productivity and high debt economy which has been a feature of the UK's economic demise over many decades; now welcomes the recent statement by Scotland's First Minister to establish an industrial strategy to help reverse the most negative impacts of UK economic policy on the people of Scotland, while rejecting the mantra of the Governor of the Bank of England which warned the people across the UK to prepare to be poorer; supports the First Minister of Scotland's statement on the Scottish economy which would focus on (a) joining the EU to have unfettered access to the world's largest single market, (b) creating a dynamic government ministry to drive industrial policy and build consensus across sectors and institutions and (c) committing to large scale public investment in key areas of comparative advantage; and further recognises that Scotland, as an independent country, would have all the ingredients, skills and valuable resources to be a successful, high growth, high wage, modern economy and a member of the EU where the national mantra would be prepare to be prosperous.