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Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 10 January 2024

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New EDMs

263 Gerry Kelly MLA

Tabled: 10/01/24 Signatories: 1

Ian Paisley

That this House welcomes the judgment of 8 January 2024 of the High Court in Belfast in the case of Gerry Kelly MLA versus Malachi O'Doherty, throwing out a libel case brought by Sinn Féin MLA Gerry Kelly in which he sought to prevent a journalist from stating that Mr Kelly had shot a prison officer during the Maze Prison escape in 1983; welcomes the description by the judge of Mr Kelly's case as scandalous, frivolous and vexatious; notes that the judgment found there was no damage to Mr Kelly's reputation, as he had served prison sentences for the 1973 Old Bailey bombings, is someone publicly identified as a former IRA member and has included material in his books which makes it extremely difficult, if not impossible, for him to rebut the argument that he was not a joint tortfeasor in respect of the battery; further notes the judge's conclusion that even if one accepts Mr Kelly has not explicitly admitted pulling the trigger, the content of his books appears to make Mr Kelly civilly liable, on the balance of probabilities, for the shooting of Mr Adams; and acknowledges the positive impact such a judgement will have on freedom of expression for both the public and the press.

264 Occupied Palestinian Territories and arms exports to Israel

Tabled: 10/01/24 Signatories: 1

Richard Foord

That this House notes with deep concern the number of lives lost in the Israel-Gaza conflict; recognises tensions involving other actors in the wider region; expresses fear for those remaining hostages in Gaza, and for the hundreds of thousands of innocent Palestinians who do not share Hamas' objectives and who need humanitarian aid urgently; reaffirms the belief that we need movement to a political solution that guarantees security for Palestinians and Israelis; further notes with concern possible breaches of International Humanitarian Law by Israel in the Occupied

Palestinian Territories; condemns a failure by all sides to use distinction between combatants and civilians; expresses its concern that UK arms supplied to Israel may have been used to commit breaches of International Humanitarian Law; resolves to improve parliamentary scrutiny of the UK's control of arms exports; urges the UK Government to introduce a presumption of denial for arms exports to governments listed as human rights priorities in the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's annual human rights report; further recognises that the Israeli Government, the Palestinian Authority and Hamas are listed within the Occupied Palestinian Territories section of the 2022 FCDO human rights report; calls on the UK Government to use all political and diplomatic powers to halt arms supplied to Hamas from Iran and other actors that are hostile to Israel; and condemns the arming of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad and Hezbollah by Iran and other actors that are hostile to Israel.

265 Gaza

Tabled: 10/01/24 Signatories: 2

**Angus Brendan MacNeil
Neale Hanvey**

That this House believes there should be a weekly vote in the Commons calling for a ceasefire in Gaza, until there is a ceasefire, given the humanitarian catastrophe unfolding in Gaza.

266 UEFA European Football Championship 2024 fanzones

Tabled: 10/01/24 Signatories: 1

Douglas Chapman

That this House calls on the Government to support, via local councils in England and the administrations in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, a special fund which would assist local communities to create safe and engaging fanzones for the UEFA European Football Championship matches being held in Germany between 14 June and 14 July 2024; congratulates both Scotland and England who have qualified for the finals; wishes Wales good luck as they are involved in the playoffs which could still see them qualify for the finals; recognises that, due to the cost of living crisis, some football fans may not be able to afford to travel to Germany and many others will be unsuccessful in obtaining tickets for any of the matches as they will be in high demand; and encourages the Government to evaluate this proposal for stay at home fans and to begin discussions with local government in England and other governments with devolved powers to explore how such an initiative might be best delivered.

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.

215 Honours system

Tabled: 14/12/23 Signatories: 13

Jon Trickett
Jonathan Edwards
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Hywel Williams
Dan Carden

Mohammad Yasin

That this House expresses concern over the current honours system, which gives power to the Government and its senior Ministers to recommend candidates; highlights the potential misuse of the system as a result, noting the findings of an Electoral Reform Society report, which found that 65% of the public believe that party donors can effectively buy honours; and calls for an overhaul of the honours system, to ensure that big money stays out of the system and that the awarding of political honours is independent and weighted towards the contribution of ordinary British people.

221 Members of Parliament (Oil and Gas Companies) Bill

Tabled: 18/12/23 Signatories: 27

Richard Burgon
Caroline Lucas
Claire Hanna
Liz Saville Roberts
Nadia Whittome
Clive Lewis

Mohammad Yasin

That this House welcomes the publication of the Members of Parliament (Oil and Gas Companies) Bill on 13 December 2023; supports the Bill's aims of prohibiting Members of Parliament from working for or receiving any financial or other benefit from oil and gas companies as well as its call for the divestment of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund from oil and gas companies; notes that the world faces a climate emergency that has been driven by the fossil fuel industry; further notes that the science is clear that it will be impossible to limit global heating to 1.5°C without the phasing out of all fossil fuels; also notes that for decades fossil fuel companies and their lobbyists have used their financial and political influence to delay, weaken and undermine climate action to protect their profits; believes that as with the tobacco industry in the past, the damaging influence of the fossil fuel industry on democratic processes poses a huge risk to the public; and believes this Bill can play a positive role in creating the necessary firewall to protect democratic institutions and political decision-making from fossil fuel industry interference.

224 The work of people across the Parliamentary Estate

Tabled: 18/12/23 Signatories: 34

Jeremy Corbyn
John McDonnell
Tony Lloyd
Ian Byrne
Sir Julian Lewis
Ben Lake

Mohammad Yasin

That this House recognises the essential contribution of all staff across the Parliamentary Estate, including, but not limited to, cleaners, caterers, chefs, kitchen stewards, baristas, doorkeepers, clerks, library support specialists, tour guides, police and firefighters, as well as those in Parliamentary offices and Departments, such as the Speaker's office, the Serjeant at Arms, Health and Wellbeing, Service Delivery, Maintenance, Visitors Assistants, Porterage, Workspace, Members Services, Heritage, Accommodation, Governance, Parliamentary Health and Safety, Broadcasting, Project, Renewal and Restoration, Learning and Development, and Diversity and Inclusion; accepts that, without them, Parliament could not function; notes the vital role they therefore play in ensuring this institution runs safely and efficiently and in upholding our democracy; and acknowledges that all deserve to be respected for their important contribution and treated equally with dignity, kindness and respect.

226 Child poverty (No. 2)

Tabled: 18/12/23 Signatories: 14

Jon Trickett
Claudia Webbe
Ian Lavery
Caroline Lucas
Richard Burgon
Beth Winter

Mohammad Yasin

That this House expresses its dismay at the number of children in poverty in the UK; believes that as the UK is one of the richest countries in the world, it is shocking that 29% of children in our country are living in poverty and that 71% of those children live in a household where at least one person works; notes the recent UNICEF report which found that child poverty levels in the UK were the worst among the world's richest nations and have increased faster than all other rich nations; highlights that child poverty has increased because of the huge programme of public service cuts enacted since 2010, the current cost of living crisis and policies such as the two-child limit on claiming welfare benefits; and calls on the Government to tackle child poverty by extending child benefits and restructuring our economy to deliver for working families and children.

228 Integrated Care Board funding for children's hospices in England

Tabled: 18/12/23 Signatories: 5

Siobhain McDonagh
Rachael Maskell
Valerie Vaz
Sir Mark Hendrick
Mohammad Yasin

That this House notes with concern the huge variance in local NHS spending on children's hospice and palliative care in England, as found in the recent freedom of information requests published by the charity Together for Short Lives; is concerned that the amounts spent by each NHS integrated care board (ICB) varied by as much as £483 per child or young person in 2022-23; is also concerned by the lack of understanding among ICBs on the number of children who need palliative care or the numbers accessing services; calls on the Government to urgently confirm how and when the £25 million NHS England Children's Hospice Grant will be distributed in 2024-25; further calls on the Government to direct NHS England to hold ICBs to greater account for the way in which they commission children's palliative care; asks the Government to direct NHS England to ensure ICBs work with neighbouring ICBs in their region to plan and fund children's palliative care services; and also calls on the Government to commit to a dedicated long-term strategy in the NHS mandate that addresses the palliative care needed by children and young people.

233 Palestinian family visa scheme

Tabled: 19/12/23 Signatories: 29

Geraint Davies
Tony Lloyd
Grahame Morris
Angus Brendan MacNeil
Jeremy Corbyn
Peter Grant

Tahir Ali

That this House notes that at least 18,000 civilians have already been killed by the bombardment and siege of Gaza alongside an escalating death toll in the West Bank; further notes that 60 per cent of buildings in Gaza have been flattened and hospitals and schools bombed, food, water and medical supplies denied; notes that civilians are being forced into a smaller and smaller area without shelter or aid and that civilian death is escalating through starvation, disease and lack of medical treatment as well as from bombing and shooting; and calls upon the Government to immediately implement a Palestinian Visa Scheme, based upon the Ukraine Visa scheme, that allows those with family in the UK to be given safe passage to the UK and to be allowed to join their families here.

242 Compensation for Equitable Life policyholdersTabled: **8/01/24** Signatories: **26**

Dr Philippa Whitford
Ronnie Cowan
Patricia Gibson
Kirsten Oswald
Deidre Brock
Martyn Day

Rachael Maskell

Mohammad Yasin

Kim Johnson

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 1950sTabled: **8/01/24** Signatories: **40**

Kim Johnson
Claudia Webbe
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Claire Hanna
Jim Shannon
Mick Whitley

Gavin Newlands

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

Anne McLaughlin

Patricia Gibson

Jon Trickett

Grahame Morris

Clive Lewis

Ian Lavery

Rachael Maskell

Graham Stringer

Martyn Day

Valerie Vaz

Martin Docherty-Hughes

Colum Eastwood

Angela Crawley

Dr Philippa Whitford

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 revenueTabled: **8/01/24** Signatories: **3**

Mohammad Yasin
Jim Shannon
Rachael Maskell

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.

246 Radiotherapy

Tabled: 8/01/24 Signatories: 7

Tim Farron
Jim Shannon
Sarah Dyke
Rachael Maskell
Christine Jardine
Wera Hobhouse

Sir George Howarth

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.

249 Short-term lets

Tabled: 8/01/24 Signatories: 5

Tim Farron
Richard Foord
Jim Shannon
Sarah Dyke
Rachael Maskell

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 racingTabled: **8/01/24** Signatories: **7**

Sarah Green
Richard Foord
Jim Shannon
Sarah Dyke
Christine Jardine
Carla Lockhart

Rachael Maskell

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 CoalitionTabled: **8/01/24** Signatories: **23**

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

Sir Mark Hendrick
 Sir George Howarth

Rachael Maskell

Mohammad Yasin

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 VennellsTabled: **8/01/24** Signatories: **12****Douglas Ross****Claire Hanna****Jim Shannon****Cat Smith****Ben Lake****Carla Lockhart**

Rachael Maskell

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: **78****Kate Osborne****Ian Byrne****Ian Mearns****Richard Burgon****John McDonnell****Clive Efford**

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

Dame Andrea Jenkyns

Liam Byrne

Graham Stringer

Patricia Gibson

Martin Docherty-Hughes

Mohammad Yasin

Ms Diane Abbott

Pete Wishart

Stuart C McDonald

Colum Eastwood

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: **28**

John McDonnell
Claudia Webbe
Claire Hanna
Jonathan Edwards
Mick Whitley
Cat Smith

Allan Dorans
 Eastwood
 Kate Osborne

Rachael Maskell
 Deidre Brock
 Tahir Ali

Colum
 Ms Diane Abbott

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: **24**

Jon Trickett
Claudia Webbe
Mick Whitley
Mary Kelly Foy
Kim Johnson
Richard Burgon

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Ms Diane Abbott

Nadia Whittome
 Kate Osborne

Rachael Maskell
 Tahir Ali

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 strategy

Tabled: **8/01/24** Signatories: **19**

Douglas Chapman
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Law
Ronnie Cowan
Anne McLaughlin
Stewart Hosie

Patricia Gibson

Martyn Day

Stuart C McDonald

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.

257 40th anniversary of the FTSE 100

Tabled: **9/01/24** Signatories: **3**

Jim Shannon
Gavin Robinson
Mohammad Yasin

That this House notes the 40th anniversary of the FTSE 100, the UK's top stock market index; highlights its launch in January 1984, containing the biggest 100 companies on the London Stock Exchange; further notes its use in gauging the health of the wider UK economy and that it holds constituents with a value that is 11 times higher than the £165.6 billion market capitalisation which was first available in 1986; further highlights that the index contains 26 companies which featured during the initial 1984 launch, including Lloyds, Sainsburys and Tesco; and underlines the tremendous impact FTSE has on the UK economy in terms of stock exchange and that so many local businesses rely on it every day to succeed.

258 100th anniversary of Portadown College

Tabled: 9/01/24 Signatories: 3

Carla Lockhart
Jim Shannon
Gavin Robinson

That this House notes that 2024 is the 100th anniversary year of Portadown College, County Armagh; recognises the positive role the school has played within the community throughout the last century as a place of learning and academic excellence; expresses gratitude for the tireless efforts of many staff and governors throughout the lifetime of the school to shape young lives in a way that is beneficial to both the pupil and to society; and wishes the school every success as it celebrates this significant milestone throughout 2024.

259 JPR Williams

Tabled: 9/01/24 Signatories: 2

Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon

This House mourns the passing of Welsh Rugby Union great John Peter Rhys (JPR) Williams at the age of 74; notes that JPR played at full back for Wales and the successful touring British Lions teams of 1971 and 1974; recognises that JPR won 55 caps for Wales between 1969 and 1981, captained his nation on five occasions and helped his country to win three Grand Slams; further recognises that he was capped by the British and Irish Lions on eight occasions; further notes that JPR was a talented tennis player in his youth and worked as a surgeon in his professional career; and sends its condolences to the family and friends of this great Welshman.

260 NellyBoxes CIC

Tabled: 9/01/24 Signatories: 3

Kirsten Oswald
Jim Shannon
Angela Crawley

That this House congratulates NellyBoxes CIC based in East Renfrewshire on their award of two grants from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that NellyBoxes was founded in 2019 by Nicola McGowan who unfortunately experienced nine miscarriages over a period of six years; highlights that NellyBoxes provides a range of self-care boxes to parents who have experienced baby loss to support them at this most difficult time; notes the first National Lottery Community Fund grant of £10,000 will be used to continue the delivery of NellyBoxes' hugely important baby bank, distributing basic goods such as baby clothes, toiletries, nappies, and milk with no need for referral; notes that this service operates from the Auchenback Resource Centre in Barrhead; further appreciates that the second grant of £9,998 will be used by NellyBoxes to engage young people in and around the Barrhead area in an entrepreneurship project, encouraging the young people to design, produce and market retail goods which will be sold at local shops; applauds the commitment of all involved with NellyBoxes and commends the fantastic work they do; and wishes NellyBoxes CIC the best with all its future endeavours.

261 Anniversary of the Kegworth air disaster

Tabled: 9/01/24 Signatories: 3

Mr Gregory Campbell
Jim Shannon
Gavin Robinson

That this House notes that 8 January 2023 marked the 35th anniversary of the Kegworth air disaster when 47 people were killed and 74 seriously injured as British Midland flight 92 from Heathrow to Belfast suffered engine trouble and came down near Kegworth in Leicestershire; recognises that following the tragedy airlines across the world began providing cockpit resource management training to their staff and significant improvements to safety ensued; and expresses the hope that never again in air travel will it take such a tragic event to ensure improved and effective safety measures are implemented as standard practice.

262 Michael Kirkum and the Points of Light award

Tabled: 9/01/24 Signatories: 2

Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Michael Kirkum on recently receiving the Points of Light award from the Prime Minister; notes that this award recognises his work as an outstanding volunteer campaigning to raise money to secure Christmas gifts for children in Crosshouse University Hospital and other children's groups, which has seen him dubbed as a real-life Santa Claus; applauds Michael for his work over the last decade, supporting local children, spreading joy to those spending Christmas in hospital; appreciates that his work has been so successful that he has expanded his efforts to include Easter as well, which in 2023 saw him completing his twelfth Easter egg appeal; commends Michael's work with local businesses to help secure donations and his tireless organisation of local collection points for gifts; admires the fact that in 2023 Michael enjoyed this most successful Christmas appeal ever as he reached the admirable milestone of delivering over 20,000 gifts to children; further notes Michael's fundraising through marathon challenges over the last thirty years through which he has raised thousands of pounds for charity; and commends Michael's inspiring commitment to improving the lives of children in his community in Kilwinning and across Ayrshire.