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New EDMs

502 **Stewart Brewing**

Tabled: **13/03/24** Signatories: **1**

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates Stewart Brewing brewery in Loanhead, Midlothian, for their recent success at the Midlothian and East Lothian Chamber of Commerce Awards; recognises their award for Food and Drink Producer of the Year 2024; acknowledges how this is a wonderful accomplishment and a testament to the dedication and hard work put into their brewery; further acknowledges how this award is a well-deserved recognition of the Stewart Brewing's team's efforts and the innovative products that they create for their customers; and wishes Stewart Brewing continued success and acclaim in the future.

503 **Melville Golf Centre and the Midlothian and East Lothian Chamber of Commerce Awards**

Tabled: **13/03/24** Signatories: **1**

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates Melville Golf Centre in Lasswade, Midlothian, for their recent success at the Midlothian and East Lothian Chamber of Commerce Awards; recognises their award for Best Innovation in Business 2024; acknowledges how this is a wonderful accomplishment and a testament to the dedication and hard work put into the business; further acknowledges how this award is a well-deserved recognition of the Melville Golf Centre's team's efforts and the forward thinking that they use to enhance their customers experiences; and wishes Melville Golf Centre continued success and acclaim in the future.

504 Detention of Palestinian human rights lawyer Diala Nader Ibrahim Eideh

Tabled: 13/03/24 Signatories: 1

Martyn Day

That this House notes that, on 24 January 2024, the Israeli military issued an administrative detention order against Palestinian lawyer Diala Nader Ibrahim Eideh for a period of four months; condemns the degrading and humiliating treatment of Ms Eideh by Israeli soldiers throughout her initial ordeal; expresses grave concern at Israel's ongoing practice of administrative detention; believes that this practice is in breach of a number of international agreements and conventions, including the fourth Geneva Convention; further notes that Israel's use of administrative detention effectively circumvents due process and the principles of natural justice, using it as a tool of systematic persecution against Palestinians; also notes Israel's practice of deporting Palestinian prisoners from the Occupied Palestinian Territories to Israel and the subsequent isolation of detainees with denial of family visits and access to lawyers; expresses its view that extensive detention without charge or trial amounts to inhumane, degrading and punitive punishment of prisoners; acknowledges that the detention of Ms Eideh is solely because she is a human rights lawyer and an advocate for human rights; highlights that the frequency of administrative detentions has escalated recently, with the current number of administrative detainees reaching 3,558, the highest since the beginning of the occupation; regrets the Government's lack of any meaningful or substantive action against administrative detention; and calls on the Government to make urgent representations to the Israeli government to cancel this policy, restore rights to all Palestinian prisoners and to release all Palestinians being held without charge or trial.

505 Palestinians and the Researchers at Risk scheme

Tabled: 13/03/24 Signatories: 1

Caroline Lucas

This House commends the Researchers at Risk scheme instituted by the British Academy in partnership with the Council for At-Risk Academics and with support from the Academy of Medical Sciences, the Royal Academy of Engineering and the Royal Society; notes that the scheme was funded primarily by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and is currently restricted to Ukrainian academics and their families; observes that every higher education institution in Gaza has been destroyed or severely damaged during the war waged by the Israeli government in the wake of the horrific terror attacks of 7 October 2023; deplores that an estimated 30,000 civilians have been killed in Gaza in this time, including historians, economists, scholars of English literature and language, poets, physicists, gynaecologists, political scientists, psychologists, surgeons and lawyers; believes the academic community in Gaza is currently one of the most at risk in the world; and therefore calls on the UK Government to provide specific protection by renewing the funding for the Researchers at Risk scheme and opening it to Palestinian academics immediately and without delay.

506 CSY Architects

Tabled: 13/03/24 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates CSY Architects in Dalkeith, Midlothian, for their recent success at the Midlothian and East Lothian Chamber of Commerce Awards; recognises their award for Best Commitment to Youth Development 2024; acknowledges how this is a wonderful accomplishment and a testament to the dedication and hard work put into providing opportunities for young people by the business; further acknowledges how this award is a well-deserved recognition of the CSY Architects team's efforts; and wishes CSY Architects continued success and acclaim in the future.

507 Economic impact of cancer research in the West of Scotland

Tabled: 13/03/24 Signatories: 1

Amy Callaghan

That this House welcomes a report by London Economics which shows the total economic impact on the UK economy associated with the Cancer Research UK (CRUK) Scotland Institute and the University of Glasgow's School of Cancer Sciences' activities in 2021-22 was estimated at approximately £503 million; notes that for every £1 million of research income received, Glasgow's research activities generate a total of £10.2 million in economic impact across the UK; recognises that the University of Glasgow's Garscube Campus in East Dunbartonshire is home to the CRUK Scotland Institute (formerly Beatson Institute) and the University's School of Cancer Sciences which support jobs and promote economic growth throughout the Scottish and UK economies, contributing to the growth of the region's burgeoning life sciences sector; notes the report outlines how the size and composition of the 2.8 million patient base in the West of Scotland has influenced Glasgow's approach to cancer research and commends the close collaboration between the core cancer research institutions, local hospitals, clinicians, academics, funders and patients in the region; congratulates the University of Glasgow and all its partners on their success so far; and wishes them well as they continue to co-create innovative new approaches to cancer research for the benefit of patients.

508 Penicuik Storehouse and Best Community Impact in Midlothian 2024 Award

Tabled: 13/03/24 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates Penicuik Storehouse in Penicuik, Midlothian, for their recent success at the Midlothian and East Lothian Chamber of Commerce Awards; recognises their award for Best Community Impact 2024; acknowledges how this is a wonderful accomplishment and a testament to the dedication and hard work put into helping the community; further acknowledges how this award is a well-deserved recognition of the Penicuik Storehouse's team's efforts in helping to train and encourage local volunteers to help support others; and wishes Penicuik Storehouse continued success and acclaim in the future.

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.

442 School minibus safetyTabled: **28/02/24** Signatories: **8**

Sarah Edwards
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Rachael Maskell
Mrs Sharon Hodgson
Dawn Butler

John McDonnell

That this House notes that 18 November 2023 was the 30th anniversary of the Hagley M40 minibus disaster, where twelve children and their teacher died; further notes that there is still no legislation to ensure best practice in the use of school minibuses, and a repeat of the tragedy is a distinct possibility; notes the inequality enshrined in current legislation and regulation whereby private schools are required to operate to a higher standard of safety than state schools by being required to have a full public service vehicle operator's licence, whereas state schools can operate transport services for hire or reward with a permit under Section 19 of the Transport Act 1985, a much lower standard of safety management; notes that the existing legislative framework is confusing for school managers and enforcement officers alike; and calls on the Government to ensure that all schools with minibuses are required to have a full public service vehicle operator's licence, hence operating to best practice and aiming to ensure that all pupils and staff come home safe.

444 Contingency plans for the potential collapse of Thames WaterTabled: **28/02/24** Signatories: **5**

Sarah Olney
Jim Shannon
Sarah Dyke
Clive Lewis
John McDonnell

That this House considers that a motion for an humble address should be debated that gives directions that there will be laid before this House a report detailing the contingency plans of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for the potential event of the collapse of Thames Water.

446 Serco contractsTabled: **29/02/24** Signatories: **19**

Kate Osborne
Jon Trickett
Rachael Maskell
Ms Diane Abbott
Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Kim Johnson

John McDonnell

That this House condemns the Ministry of Justice's plans to hand a further £200m of public money to Serco; notes Serco's extensive record of failures, monitoring people with GPS technology; further notes that this contract replaces a prior contract with Capita; notes that since 2020 the Home Office has been dramatically expanding the number of people without British citizenship including people seeking asylum, and people born or raised in the UK who are forced into wearing electronic tags; notes the wide range of physical and mental harms caused by this practice; is concerned about

dangers that targeting groups for sweeping surveillance powers poses; notes the complete lack of evidence of surveillance effectiveness as acknowledged in the Home Office's own documents; and demands that resources go to assisting people in need rather than paying profiteers to run mass surveillance programmes under the hostile environment immigration policy.

447 **Withdrawal from the Energy Charter Treaty (No. 2)**

Tabled: **29/02/24** Signatories: **10**

Wera Hobhouse
Sarah Dyke
Jonathan Edwards
Rachael Maskell
Dr Philippa Whitford
Liz Saville Roberts

Chris Law

That this House welcomes the UK's withdrawal from the Energy Charter Treaty; regrets that the UK has lagged behind nine EU member states including France, Germany, Spain and Italy in withdrawing; recognises the need for a new global framework to incentivise global investment in the renewable energy sector to meet global targets to reduce emissions and reach net zero; and calls on the Government to back a new framework replacement Renewables Treaty to drive innovation, cooperation and the greater adoption of renewable energy.

450 **Democracy and human rights in Senegal**

Tabled: **1/03/24** Signatories: **7**

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Rachael Maskell
Jim Shannon
Claudia Webbe
Alison Thewliss
George Galloway

John McDonnell

This House notes that President of Senegal, Macky Sall, has delayed the general election that was meant to take place in February 2024, which has been accompanied by a violent crackdown on subsequent protests by the Senegalese police and gendarmerie who have been witnessed using brutal and often lethal tactics; notes that four people have died amid protests over the announcement of the delay of the Presidential election; further notes the calls by the President of the African Union Commission and the US Department of State for the urgent reinstatement of the election and the rejection by the Senegalese constitutional council of the decision to suspend the elections which has led to Macky Sall agreeing to reschedule the election and to stand down; calls on the UK Government to back the calls for immediate fair and free elections and to call for the lifting of the suspension of political parties, the freeing of opposition party members who are currently political prisoners, the ending of the repression of media outlets and the shutting down of the internet, the arresting and assaulting of journalists and to condemn all anti-democratic measures and abuses of human rights.

451 Funding for children's hospices

Tabled: 1/03/24 Signatories: 8

Sir George Howarth
Rachael Maskell
Jim Shannon
Kim Johnson
Cat Smith
Jonathan Edwards

John McDonnell

That this House is concerned that children's hospices are yet to receive written confirmation of how and when they will receive their NHS England Children's Hospice Grant in the 2024-25 financial year, nor how much they are likely to receive; is concerned about the impact that this is having on children's hospices' ability to budget and plan their lifeline care and support to seriously ill children and families in 2024-25; is also concerned by the variation in integrated care board spending on children's hospices across England, which varied by as much as £483 per child or young person in 2022-23, according to responses to freedom of information requests made by the charity Together for Short Lives; 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; and further calls on the Government to direct NHS England to hold integrated care boards to greater account for the way in which they commission children and young people's palliative and end of life care.

457 Brent Centre Highlands

Tabled: 4/03/24 Signatories: 10

Drew Hendry
Jim Shannon
Dr Philippa Whitford
Hannah Bardell
Dave Doogan
Amy Callaghan

Chris Law

That this House congratulates Brent Centre Highlands on the recent opening of their clinic in Inverness; recognises that they provide accessible mental health support, through psychotherapy and practical support, to young people aged 14 to 21 in the Scottish Highlands free of charge; pays thanks to all those involved in successfully setting up this initiative; and wishes them continued success for the future.

458 10th anniversary of Alzheimer Scotland's Mind That Song in East Dunbartonshire

Tabled: 4/03/24 Signatories: 8

Amy Callaghan
Alison Thewliss
Dr Philippa Whitford
Jim Shannon
Hannah Bardell
Patrick Grady

Christine Jardine

That this House celebrates the 10th anniversary of Alzheimer Scotland's 'Mind that Song' service in East Dunbartonshire; notes that on Friday 14th March 2014 Bearsden Cross Church hosted its first venture with Alzheimer Scotland called Mind that Song to provide hospitality and an opportunity for a sing song for people living with Alzheimer's, dementia and those affected by isolation and loneliness; commends the success of this initiative in East Dunbartonshire and welcomes their triumph to bring people in the community together in a friendly and stimulating environment; thanks Alzheimer Scotland and Bearsden Cross Church for pioneering this invaluable service; and recognises the outstanding work and dedication of the Communities Activities Organiser, Anne O'Donnell, for her tireless work and dedication to the community; and wishes everyone involved the very best in the years to come.

463 40th anniversary of the 1984-85 Miners' Strike (No. 2)

Tabled: 4/03/24 Signatories: 32

Ian Lavery
Jon Trickett
Grahame Morris
Ian Mearns
Mary Kelly Foy
Andy McDonald

Chris Law

Sam Tarry

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

That this House notes the 40th anniversary of the start of the Miners' Strike of 1984-1985 on 5 March 2024; further notes that, four decades on, many mining communities are still struggling as a result of the industrial vandalism and are still awaiting a just transition to the industries of the future; highlights the weaponisation of the state, including the police, judiciary and civil service, orchestrated by those at the highest level against ordinary men and women in mining communities; demands a full inquiry into the policing of the strike; also notes the working class solidarity of the trade union movement nationally and internationally, of the LGBTQ+ community and of people of colour throughout Britain, who all knew the only hope of success was to be united; and pays tribute to the men and women across the coalfield who were thrust to the fore by circumstance to become some of the finest orators, organisers and activists anyone could care to meet.

464 Ronnie CampbellTabled: **4/03/24** Signatories: **28**

Ian Lavery
 Jon Trickett
 Grahame Morris
 Ian Mearns
 Mary Kelly Foy
 Andy McDonald

Sam Tarry

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

That this House notes with great sadness the passing of Ronnie Campbell, who represented the constituency of Blyth Valley between 1987 and 2019; notes Ronnie's great public service to the people of his constituency and his tireless advocacy for Blyth Valley which has resulted in so many good quality jobs and technologies locating there; further notes his uncompromising and unconventional approach to representing his constituency and his great sense of humour in doing so; observes, on the 40th anniversary of the 1984-85 Miners strike, Ronnie's role in that dispute, representing as Chair of the Bates' branch of the NUM with great distinction; and expresses its heartfelt condolences to his family and friends at the sad news.

468 120th anniversary of Glasgow Pavilion TheatreTabled: **5/03/24** Signatories: **10**

Alison Thewliss
 Jim Shannon
 George Galloway
 Richard Thomson
 Dr Philippa Whitford
 Hannah Bardell

Patricia Gibson

Christine Jardine

That this House welcomes the 120th anniversary of the opening of the Glasgow Pavilion Theatre on 29 February 1904; recognises that in 120 years of operation the Pavilion has played host to many internationally-recognised artists, including Billy Connolly, Lulu, Charlie Chaplin, the Krankies, Stanley Baxter and more; notes that the building preserves much of its original architectural design, including the French Renaissance style exterior, the mahogany woodwork, marble mosaic floors, and a sliding roof; acknowledges the central role the theatre has played in the cultural history of Glasgow, in particular in its panto tradition, which was established in the 1930s and continues today; congratulates the staff and management of the Pavilion Theatre on this significant anniversary; and wishes them the best of luck in all future endeavours.

469 YMCA campaign

Tabled: 5/03/24 Signatories: 7

Sir George Howarth
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Caroline Lucas
Rachael Maskell
Chris Law

John McDonnell

That this House welcomes the YMCA's Now's Our Chance campaign; notes with approval its manifesto for affordable, good quality, safe and secure housing and for young people's access to youth services all year round in their area, financial support to allow them to meet their essential needs, help to build resilience and positive wellbeing, and good quality education and training to give them the best possible start in life; and thanks YMCA for the long-standing work to support young people.

475 200th anniversary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (No. 2)

Tabled: 6/03/24 Signatories: 8

Jim Shannon
Ian Mearns
Sir Mike Penning
Jonathan Edwards
Allan Dorans
Tracey Crouch

John McDonnell

That this House notes the 200th anniversary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution; highlights the phenomenal work that has been carried out and lives that have been saved over 200 years in communities throughout this UK; further highlights the promotional work that is being carried out during this 200th anniversary celebration which demonstrates that the life saving capacity can only be facilitated with donations; highlights that the Mayor of Ards and North Down has chosen RNLI as one of her charities for this year and encourages churches and local communities to carry out fundraising to secure the future of this vital emergency service; and thanks every member, past and present, for their service and dedication to their community.

476 Pay transparency

Tabled: 6/03/24 Signatories: 18

Rebecca Long Bailey
Kate Osborne
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Grahame Morris
John McDonnell
Apsana Begum

Chris Law

That this House considers that the lack of pay transparency is one of the causes of gender, disability and ethnic pay gaps; notes that 75 per cent of job applicants would be more likely to apply for a role that included a salary range and 62 per cent of candidates believe they should not be asked about their current or past salary in an interview, with this figure increasing to 73 per cent amongst

Asian workers and 75 per cent for black workers; and therefore calls on the Government to support calls from the National Union of Journalists and recruitment company Liberty Hive for the outlawing of employers asking for salary history during recruitment, and guidance to be provided on publishing salary ranges on job adverts.

477 Supermarket listing for Perth restaurant owner

Tabled: **6/03/24** Signatories: **6**

Pete Wishart
Richard Thomson
Patrick Grady
Allan Dorans
Anne McLaughlin
Chris Law

That this House congratulates Praveen Kumar, owner of Tabla restaurant in Perth, on securing his first ever supermarket listing to supply 11 new lines of authentic Indian ready meals into 56 Asda stores across Scotland; recognises Praveen's esteemed career in hospitality, which has seen him work in some of the world's most prestigious five-star establishments such as Gleaneagles and Turnberry, before opening Tabla Restaurant in 2009, which became the first Indian restaurant in Scotland to receive an AA Rosette; and further recognises Praveen's outstanding commitment to helping the local community in Perth, which included handing out 600 free meals on Christmas Day.

478 Public Accounts Committee report entitled Reducing the harm from illegal drugs

Tabled: **6/03/24** Signatories: **7**

Grahame Morris
Ian Mearns
Dan Carden
Kate Hollern
Liz Saville Roberts
Rachael Maskell

John McDonnell

That this House welcomes the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) report, Reducing the harm from illegal drugs, published in February 2024; notes that this acknowledges recent progress in workforce recruitment and countering county lines; heeds and highlights the PAC's warning that, should the Joint Combating Drugs Unit, the Department of Health and Social Care and other Government departments fail to develop a compelling case for the sustained investment needed to reduce the growing harms from illegal drugs, then such progress will be wasted; endorses its recognition that, if the aims of Dame Carol Black's independent review and the Government's subsequent drugs strategy are to be realised and drug deaths can be reduced significantly, then further action is required urgently; further notes that, given the context of a significant erosion of councils' capacity and capability to deliver, the report urges the Government to provide local authorities with more confidence over long-term funding to enable long-term planning; and calls upon the Government adopt the six recommendations of the PAC report and reaffirm its commitment to long-term funding of treatment services.

482 Cost of living payment at National Museums Liverpool

Tabled: 6/03/24 Signatories: 21

Kim Johnson
Mick Whitley
Dan Carden
Ian Byrne
Mary Kelly Foy
Allan Dorans

Claudia Webbe

John McDonnell

That this House fully supports the staff at National Museums Liverpool (NML) engaging in strike action in an ongoing dispute over pay; notes that last year 206 employers in the public sector agreed to pay each worker a one-off £1,500 payment to part-compensate for inflation rises and hardship caused by Covid yet shockingly, National Museums Liverpool is the only employer which has so far refused to pay its staff the additional money; regrets that across the seven museums in Liverpool, NML staff are grappling with financial hardship due to low wages; and calls on the Government to step in, engage with PCS Union members, seek to resolve any perceived funding issues at NML and ensure the outstanding cost of living payment is paid.

484 Pre-1997 non-indexed company pensions

Tabled: 7/03/24 Signatories: 6

Geraint Davies
Jonathan Edwards
Dr Philippa Whitford
Jim Shannon
Rachael Maskell
John McDonnell

This House notes that over 500,000 former employees of 3M and other businesses including American Express, Hewlett-Packard, Chevron and Wood Group face massively-reduced pensions from their pre-1997 contributions, as current legislation only index-links contributions from 1997; further notes that, according to the Bank of England, between 2008 and 2023, former employees' pensions have reduced in real terms by 56%; and calls on the Government to put pressure on the companies concerned to make good the indexation of former employees' pensions for their pension contributions prior to 1997 and to consider retrospective legislation to encourage those companies who have not provided a significant discretionary uplift to former employee pensions, to help to mitigate value erosion from inflation to their company pensions.

487 OVO Energy's decision to stop correspondence in Welsh

Tabled: 7/03/24 Signatories: 6

Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Alison Thewliss
Jonathan Edwards
John McDonnell

That this House expresses its significant disappointment in relation to OVO Energy's decision to stop providing correspondence in Welsh to its customers in Wales, and criticises the instruction for Welsh speakers in Wales to instead use Google Translate to read the contents of English correspondence in the Welsh language; acknowledges that access to energy is a life essential, and Welsh speakers

have recently lost another essential provision following the decision of HSBC to close its Welsh language telephone service, further dismissing the needs and requirements of people in Wales; notes that services in Welsh is a right provided by the Welsh Language Act 1993 and the Welsh Language Measure 2011, aiming to ensure the Welsh language is not treated less favourably than English in Wales; further notes that the Welsh Language Commissioner has previously published a standards report to consider bringing energy companies under statutory Welsh language standards regulations, which is commended; highlights the response provided by OVO Energy which apologises only for any inconvenience caused by its decision, and which underlines a significant lack of cultural and linguistic understanding; and calls on OVO Energy to urgently reverse this decision, and ensure it realises its responsibilities and duties with respect to Welsh speaking customers in Wales.

488 Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership

Tabled: 11/03/24 Signatories: 2

John McDonnell
Jonathan Edwards

That the Protocol, done at Auckland and Bandar Seri Begawan on 16 July 2023, on the Accession of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CP 1107), a copy of which was laid before Parliament on 19 February 2024, should not be ratified.

489 World Kidney Day 2024

Tabled: 11/03/24 Signatories: 11

Daisy Cooper
Jim Shannon
Dr Philippa Whitford
Mohammad Yasin
Rachael Maskell
Martin Docherty-Hughes

Christine Jardine
Wendy Chamberlain

Paul Girvan
John McDonnell

Chris Law

That his House notes that World Kidney Day takes place on Thursday 14 March 2024; recognises that an estimated 7.2 million people in the UK are living with early- and late-stage chronic kidney disease; acknowledges that some patients are being told about their risk or their diagnosis too late, when their lives are under threat and treatment options are extreme and life-altering, rather than at the early stages when there are options to delay or stop the disease getting worse; commends charities, such as Kidney Care UK, for their work in advocating for an earlier diagnosis, testing for those at higher risk, improved primary and secondary care and greater support for kidney patients; and calls on the Government to ensure everyone who is at risk of chronic kidney disease is provided with information on how to reduce that risk, tested annually, monitored, and if diagnosed early, provided with support to prevent or slow down their condition getting worse.

490 Glasgow Saints FC 24-hour charity football match

Tabled: 11/03/24 Signatories: 7

Anne McLaughlin
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Deidre Brock
Dr Philippa Whitford
Stuart C McDonald

Chris Law

That this House extends its heartfelt congratulations to Glasgow Saints FC on their outstanding 24-hour charity football match, having already raised nearly £5,000 for three causes close to their hearts; applauds their remarkable work and achievement in raising significant funds that will be split between the football club, Beatson Cancer Charity and MS treatment for Spartans captain Alana Marshall; recognises the hard work and determination from volunteers and players; and pays tribute to organiser and manager at the club, Laurie Keith.

491 World Water Day 2024

Tabled: 11/03/24 Signatories: 13

Mr Virendra Sharma
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Dr Philippa Whitford
Mohammad Yasin
Rachael Maskell

Patricia Gibson
 Wendy Chamberlain

Claudia Webbe
 John McDonnell

Chris Law

That this House recognises that 22 March is World Water Day; acknowledges that 2.2 billion people in the world do not have safe water and 3.5 billion people in the world do not have a decent toilet of their own; notes that two-thirds of healthcare facilities in the 46 least developed countries do not have access to basic handwashing facilities; further recognises that women and girls are disproportionately affected by inadequate water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH); further notes that that WASH is an essential component in work on addressing global challenges such as antimicrobial resistance; further acknowledges that the climate crisis is a water crisis and that investment in WASH provides a cost-effective adaptation measure to support communities on the front lines of climate change; notes that the UK's budget for WASH has been cut by approximately 77% since 2018, damaging the UK's ability to reach communities with life-saving clean water; is concerned that with just six years to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) deadline, progress on SDG6 is alarmingly off-track, and so and calls on the Government to increase investment in WASH and champion WASH on a global stage.

492 Ordination of the Bishop of Galloway

Tabled: 11/03/24 Signatories: 5

Patricia Gibson
 Jim Shannon
 Dr Philippa Whitford
 Martin Docherty-Hughes
 Chris Law

That this House congratulates the Right Reverend Francis Dougan as Bishop of Galloway on his ordination to the Episcopate in a very moving and joyful ceremony at the Church of Saint Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan, on 9 March 2024; is aware that Bishop Dougan, originally from Lanark, received his priestly ordination on 27 June 2001 and was incardinated in the diocese of Motherwell; understands that Bishop Dougan will succeed Archbishop William Nolan who served as the Bishop of Galloway from 2015 to 2022 before assuming the position of Archbishop of Glasgow; recognises that Bishop Dougan was ordained by the Most Reverend Leo Cushley, Metropolitan Archbishop of Saint Andrews & Edinburgh; notes that the role will see Bishop Dougan become the ecclesiastical head of the Diocese of Galloway which covers the local authority areas of Dumfries and Galloway, South Ayrshire, East Ayrshire and mainland North Ayrshire and Cumbrae; acknowledges that upon his ordination Bishop Dougan proclaimed the need for a Church where everyone can feel at home and welcomed and expressed his commitment to continue to build on the solid foundations left by those who have come before us, stretching back to St Ninian who first planted the seeds of the Christian faith in Galloway; and wishes Bishop Dougan all the best in his endeavours in his new role which he will tackle with gusto and good humour.

493 The Radhuni and Best Eatery in Midlothian 2024 award

Tabled: 11/03/24 Signatories: 4

Owen Thompson
 Jonathan Edwards
 Jim Shannon
 Chris Law

That this House congratulates the Radhuni restaurant in Loanhead, Midlothian, for their recent success at the Midlothian and East Lothian Chamber of Commerce Awards; recognises their award for Best Eatery 2024; acknowledges how this is a wonderful accomplishment and a testament to the dedication and hard work put into their restaurant; further acknowledges how this award is a well-deserved recognition of the Radhuni's team's efforts and the extraordinary experiences they provide to customers; and wishes the Radhuni continued success and acclaim in the future.

494 Vitamin B12 deficiency

Tabled: 11/03/24 Signatories: 8

Grahame Morris
 Jim Shannon
 Rachael Maskell
 Kim Johnson
 Christine Jardine
 Claudia Webbe

Chris Law

John McDonnell

That this House welcomes the benefits of vitamin B12 therapy; believes that greater emphasis must be placed on recognising and treating B12 deficiency which can be a major cause of ill health and unemployment; recognises that the replacement of the missing nutrient can restore quality of life,

enthusiasm and energy to the individual; notes that many of the drugs used to treat misdiagnosis are expensive and can have lasting adverse effects; and calls on the health community to recognise and research vitamin B12 deficiency to ensure the needs and symptom patterns of patients can be treated in a way that is cost-effective, without side-effects and completely safe.

495 **Alleged comments by Frank Hester**

Tabled: **11/03/24** Signatories: **57**

Dawn Butler
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Layla Moran
Anne McLaughlin
Carol Monaghan
Mrs Helen Grant

Stephen Farry
 Christine Jardine
 Munira Wilson
 Jamie Stone
 John McDonnell

Julie Elliott
 Chris Law
 Ed Davey
 Wendy Chamberlain

Stewart Malcolm McDonald
 Sarah Olney
 Helen Morgan
 Mr Alistair Carmichael

That this House expresses its shock regarding the alleged comments made by Frank Hester reported by The Guardian about the hon. Member for Hackney North and Stoke Newington and all Black women; believes these alleged comments to be both racist and violent in nature; notes that Mr Hester is a regular and substantial donor to the Conservative Party; and calls on all leaders including the Prime Minister to condemn these remarks.

496 **Centenary of Eric Liddell's Olympic Gold medal**

Tabled: **11/03/24** Signatories: **5**

Mr Gregory Campbell
Jim Shannon
Rachael Maskell
Paul Girvan
Chris Law

That this House notes that 2024 marks 100 years since Eric Liddell qualified for the Olympic 100 metres heats, despite being widely regarded as best placed to win, he declined to take part due to their being held on a Sunday, choosing instead to compete in the 400 metres final, before that 400 metre race began he received a note which read In the old book it says: He that honours me I will honour, he won gold to become Olympic Champion even though it was not his preferred distance, after winning Liddell went to China where he served his Lord in missionary endeavours and his exploits featured in the film Chariots of Fire thus ensuring the name Eric Liddell will be remembered for generations to come for both his sporting exploits as well as his Christian faith.

497 World Glaucoma Day 2024

Tabled: 11/03/24 Signatories: 10

Jim Shannon
Dr Philippa Whitford
Rachael Maskell
Stuart C McDonald
Jonathan Edwards
Christine Jardine

Paul Girvan
 John McDonnell

Chris Law

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House notes World Glaucoma Day, celebrated on 12 March with this years theme of Uniting for a Glaucoma-Free World, focusing on bringing communities worldwide to fight together against glaucoma blindness; highlights that over 700,000 people in the UK have glaucoma and around 18,000 of these cases are in Northern Ireland; further notes that over half of these do not know they have it; underlines the aim to raise awareness and foster a better understanding of the condition so that it will spark conversations and discussions; thanks those charities such as Glaucoma UK for reminding people to attend regular eye tests and prioritise their eye health; and urges Government to raise more awareness on the importance of supporting those living with glaucoma.

499 Rosslyn Chapel and the Midlothian and East Lothian Chamber of Commerce Awards

Tabled: 12/03/24 Signatories: 3

Owen Thompson
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

That this House congratulates Rosslyn Chapel of Roslin, Midlothian, for their recent success at the Midlothian and East Lothian Chamber of Commerce Awards; recognises their award for Best Tourism Business 2024; acknowledges how this is a wonderful accomplishment and a testament to the dedication and hard work put into the upkeep and preservation of Rosslyn Chapel; further acknowledges how this award is a well-deserved recognition of the Rosslyn Chapel's team's efforts and the wonderful experiences they provide to visitors; and wishes Rosslyn Chapel Trust continued success and acclaim in the future.

500 Flowcopter

Tabled: 12/03/24 Signatories: 3

Owen Thompson
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

That this House congratulates Flowcopter of Loanhead, Midlothian, for their recent success at the Midlothian and East Lothian Chamber of Commerce Awards; recognises their award for High Growth Business of the Year 2024; acknowledges how this is a wonderful accomplishment and a testament to the dedication and hard work put into the business; further acknowledges how this award is a well-deserved recognition of the Flowcopters team's efforts and the growth the business has made in the past year; and wishes Flowcopter continued success and acclaim in the future.

501 Tanks, vehicles and aircraft for Ukraine

Tabled: 12/03/24 Signatories: 8

Clive Lewis
Jim Shannon
Patricia Gibson
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Law
Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Sam Tarry

John McDonnell

That this House applauds the Ukrainian resistance to the all-out Russian invasion; condemns delays and obstruction of aid, which contributed to the fall of the city of Adviiivka; notes the danger to Ukraine posed by populists and the far right in Europe and the USA; recognises that the UK must play a part in organising an urgent increase in aid to enable Ukrainians to free their entire country; further condemns the fact that 1044 vehicles and 48 fixed-wing aircraft have been disposed of via sale or auction by the Ministry of Defence since the invasion; calls for all such equipment to be gifted to Ukraine; suggests that the 65 Challenger 2 Tanks not due for upgrade be donated to Ukraine and that all the FV107 Scimitar vehicles be gifted to Ukraine; further notes that the 625 Warrior vehicles will be retired by the end of 2030 and suggests that the fleet be gifted to Ukraine in each tranche set for disposal, that the 26 Typhoon Tranche 1 aircraft due to leave service be gifted to Ukraine with training of Ukrainian pilots and that those Chinook airframes due to be retired be gifted to Ukraine; and further calls for the gifting of Python Minefield Breaching Systems, of remotely operated systems, and of Trojan Armoured Engineer Vehicle to Ukraine, recognising in this difficult time this package of aid will greatly assist the morale and resistance of Ukraine and encourage international partners to unlock greater aid.