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## Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 8 May 2024

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### New EDMs

734     **Andy Street**

Tabled: **8/05/24**     Signatories: **1**

**Julian Knight**

That this House thanks Andy Street CBE for his service to the West Midlands region over the last eight years during his tenure as Mayor; and welcomes the £10 billion of Government investment secured by Mr Street for transport, housing and skills across the region.

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735     **Maasai evictions in Tanzania**

Tabled: **8/05/24**     Signatories: **1**

**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**

That this House stands in solidarity with the Maasai people of Tanzania who are being forcibly evicted by their Government on the false pretext that they are damaging the eco systems through population growth; notes that some 150,000 Maasai people live in the Ngorongoro and Loliondo Conservation; further notes that the United Nations Special Rapporteurs have already called on the Tanzanian Government to immediately halt plans for the relocation of indigenous people; also notes that on 5 February 2024 the Secretary General of the UN made a detailed report of violent evictions to the 55th Session of the Human Rights Council, from the Society for Threatened Peoples; notes that Tanzania persists in violating international law by depriving Maasai in the greater Serengeti Ecosystem of their access to grazing land and forcing relocation; further notes the removal of funding by the World Bank for the REGROW project; expresses alarm that the Tanzanian security forces are using unlawful force to remove local indigenous communities without consultation or lawful reason to do so; calls on the Tanzanian Government to cease such action forthwith, to permit visits by the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, to repatriate those removed to date, and to compensate those injured in the process; further calls on British tourists to boycott areas where forcible evictions are taking place; and also calls on the

United Arab Emirates to refuse to participate in any displacement of indigenous people, and to cease to engage in trophy hunting in Tanzania.

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### 736 McClure solicitors

Tabled: 8/05/24 Signatories: 1

**Kate Osborne**

That this House notes with concern the impact from the collapse of W.W & J McClure Solicitors Law Firm in 2021; understands that the firm had around 100,000 clients across Britain, many of whom held wills or family trusts managed by the law firm; further notes with concern that many former clients have encountered difficulties in dealing with their property and investments within their Trusts; is alarmed by reports that families have been unable to sell properties as former solicitors of McClure were placed on the deeds of their properties; also notes reports that people suffering from bereavement are finding unknown names on deeds and trusts when dealing with their estate; notes that people are incurring new legal costs to remove these names; further notes that thousands of McClures clients are still unaware the firm went bust; and urges the Government to do all they can to identify and assist those former clients who have been impacted by this scandal.

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### 737 15th anniversary of the end of the Sri Lankan Civil War and support for the Tamil community

Tabled: 8/05/24 Signatories: 1

**George Galloway**

That this House acknowledges the 15th anniversary of the Sri Lankan Civil War's conclusion on 18 May 2009, marking the end of a conflict that caused significant casualties and displacement, particularly affecting the Tamil community; remembers all lives lost, emphasising the civilian casualties and the enduring suffering and impact on the Tamil survivors and their descendants; urges the Sri Lankan Government to comply with international legal norms in investigating allegations of war crimes and human rights abuses, advocating for international oversight to ensure impartial justice and reconciliation; encourages continued international support for human rights monitoring and reconciliation efforts in Sri Lanka, highlighting the UK's role in promoting sustainable peace and respect for all ethnic groups; recognises the contributions of the Tamil diaspora in the UK, who have been pivotal in fostering awareness and dialogue about the human rights challenges facing Tamils in Sri Lanka; recommends that the UK Government enhance its support for human rights and humanitarian initiatives in Sri Lanka, leading international reconstruction and reconciliation endeavours; proposes a debate in this House to assess the current status of Sri Lanka's Tamil community and evaluate the UK's involvement in supporting global human rights and peace-building initiatives; and reaffirms this House's dedication to fostering global peace, justice, and human rights, underscoring the importance of international solidarity against historical injustices.

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**738 Public ownership of water**Tabled: **8/05/24** Signatories: **4**

**Caroline Lucas**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**Rachael Maskell**  
**Mohammad Yasin**

That this House condemns the mismanagement and underinvestment which led to untreated sewage being discharged into English waterways for more than 3.6 million hours in 2023; notes that water companies in England have incurred debts of more than £64 billion and paid out £78 billion in dividends since they were privatised debt-free in 1989; further notes that water companies paid out £1.4 billion in dividends in 2022, even as 11 of them were fined in the same year for missing performance targets; recognises that climate change is making flooding and droughts more frequent and more severe, necessitating changes to the way we manage our water system in order to build resilience; believes that a Government bailout of Thames Water would send a dangerous signal to other utility companies that reckless decisions carry no private risk; urges Ofwat to reject Thames Water's request to be allowed to increase bills and limit fines to protect its finances, which would reward mismanagement at the expense of customers and the public; further believes that private for-profit ownership is not an appropriate model for water, as an essential utility where no meaningful competition is possible; calls on the Government to put Thames Water into special administration and to transfer its assets and functions to a publicly-owned company; and further calls for all the English water companies to be brought into public ownership so that our water network can be managed for the benefit of all citizens.

**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.

**672 UK's national minorities**Tabled: **24/04/24** Signatories: **19**

**Ben Lake**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Dave Doogan**  
**Allan Dorans**

Chris Law

Steven Bonnar

That this House marks the 10th anniversary of the UK Government recognising the Cornish as a national minority through the Council of Europe's Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities; notes that this landmark decision set out numerous obligations including support for language and culture, education and the media, the greater visibility of national minorities in public life, the protection of historic territories, more opportunities on the international stage; further notes that the decision should afford the Cornish the same status as the UK's other national minorities; is however concerned that the UK Government has yet to fully meet its obligations under the Framework Convention by treating Cornwall equally with the other national parts of the UK; and calls on the UK Government to deliver meaningful devolution through the creation of a legislative Cornish Parliament or a National Assembly of Cornwall, full membership

of the British-Irish Council and other trans-national bodies, fair funding for Cornwall and its public services, a Cornish Language Act, and public service broadcasting provision for Cornwall.

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### 680 Rana Plaza in Dhaka, Bangladesh

Tabled: **24/04/24** Signatories: **15**

**Apsana Begum**  
**Andy McDonald**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**Zarah Sultana**  
**Nadia Whittome**

Cat Smith

That this House marks that on 24 April it is 11 years since the collapse of the Rana Plaza building in Dhaka, Bangladesh, which killed at least 1,132 workers and injured more than 2,500, a large proportion of whom were women in what was one of the worst industrial accidents on record; is concerned at the ongoing poor labour conditions, low wages and unsafe work environments, with a high incidence of work-related accidents and deaths, faced by workers in the garment sector worldwide; is alarmed at the ongoing suppression of trade union and collective bargaining rights in the garment industry and, that since the covid-19 pandemic, there is evidence of worsening health and safety standards, increased gender discrimination and reports of concerning levels of workplace gender-based violence and harassment; recognises that without the ability to organise, workers are inhibited from fully securing improved working conditions and/or challenging abuse; and believes that all workers deserve a workplace that provides them with a living wage, decent working conditions and trade union rights including the right to refuse unsafe work, to take strike action and to collectively bargain.

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### 683 Two-child benefits limit

Tabled: **24/04/24** Signatories: **30**

**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**George Galloway**  
**Jon Trickett**  
**Richard Burgon**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**

Steven Bonnar

That this House recognises the new research from the End Child Poverty Coalition which highlights the extent to which the two-child limit impacts single parents and families with disabled children; notes that 20% of all households impacted by the two-child limit are families with at least one disabled child, which is just over 87,500 households; further notes that 25% of all families impacted by the two-child limit are single-parent households, with a child under 3; expresses incredulity that no assessment of the potential correlation between the proportion of children living in households affected by the two-child limit and levels of child poverty has been made by the Department for Work and Pensions; and calls for the two-child limit to be reconsidered.

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**692 Armenian Genocide**Tabled: **29/04/24** Signatories: **14**

**Martyn Day**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Dr Philippa Whitford**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Ben Lake**

Sammy Wilson

That this House notes that on 24 April 2024 the Armenian community commemorated the Medz Yaghern (Great Crime) of the Armenian Genocide that saw the massacre and starvation of 1.5 million Armenians by the Ottomans; further notes the significance of recognising the Armenian genocide and engaging in commemorative actions in paying tribute to the victims and supporting the Armenian community; pays tribute to the survivors of the Armenian Genocide, including many who share their testimony day in, day out, to ensure the horrors of the past are never forgotten; thanks all of those who work to educate every person from every background in the UK about the Armenian Genocide, its contemporary relevance, and why we must acknowledge this crime as having happened; urges all Rt hon. and hon. Members to observe this day and to pledge to speak out against the denial of the Armenian Genocide; and calls on the Government to formally recognise the Armenian Genocide.

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**693 Building societies**Tabled: **29/04/24** Signatories: **18**

**Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Bob Blackman**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Lloyd Russell-Moyle**  
**Kim Johnson**

Sammy Wilson

That this House recognises the financial and emotional hardship experienced by vulnerable, elderly building society customers and their families through being introduced by building societies which they trusted to firms offering unregulated wills and trusts; acknowledges that the products sold were unsuitable and failed, with investments that did not match members' attitude to risk, with excessive fees, and ultimately causing the loss of large portions of customers' estates, and thereby the loss of their children's inheritance; highlights the concern victims have that the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) has failed to act against the building societies despite many FCA Principles for Business being breached, and that the societies failed to perform satisfactory due diligence on the firms they introduced customers to; and as such believes that the FCA should compel the building societies to fully compensate, including for the upset, stress and hardship caused; calls upon the Government to ensure that, if the building societies make an offer of compensation, that the Creditors' Committee can negotiate on behalf of the impacted individuals and if necessary give powers to the FCA to compel the building societies to compensate the victims in full; and further calls upon the Government to ensure that similar injustices do not happen in the future.

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**699 Bahrain's sponsorship of the Royal Windsor Horse Show**

Tabled: 29/04/24 Signatories: 7

John McDonnell  
 Kim Johnson  
 Jeremy Corbyn  
 Nadia Whittome  
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
 Caroline Lucas

Kenny MacAskill

That this House expresses concern at Bahrain's ongoing sponsorship of the Royal Windsor Horse Show 2024, to which the King of Bahrain and other Bahraini royals are likely to attend, despite Bahrain's appalling human rights record; notes that even after King Hamad's royal pardon including over 600 political prisoners on 8 April 2024, more than 550 political prisoners remain imprisoned and subject to egregious human rights violations, including prominent opposition leaders, activists and human rights defenders including Abduljalil Al-Singace, Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja, Abdulwahab Husain and Sheikh Abduljalil Al-Muqdad who have been arbitrarily imprisoned since 2011 for their role in the pro-democracy uprising; raises urgent concern about the deteriorating health of Hassan Mushaima, Bahrain's oldest political prisoner, age 76, who continues to be denied the urgent medical treatment that he requires; is further concerned that 26 individuals remain on death row at imminent risk of execution, many of whom allege torture including Mohammed Ramadhan and Husain Moosa; and therefore calls on the Royal Windsor Horse Show to uphold its own human rights policy adopted in 2021 and prevent the show from being used to sportswash the reputation of the Bahraini regime and use all available leverage to encourage King Hamad to immediately and unconditional release all political prisoners.

**701 Samantha Gough Local Women Sport Awards 2024**

Tabled: 29/04/24 Signatories: 6

Owen Thompson  
 Kirsten Oswald  
 Jim Shannon  
 Allan Dorans  
 Richard Thomson  
 Marion Fellows

That this House congratulates Samantha Gough for her recent success at the Local Women Sport Awards 2024; acknowledges her award for Special Recognition; recognises how this is a wonderful achievement and a testament to the dedication and hard work that she puts into her sporting career; applauds her recent feature on Sight Scotland's TV advert for their more than meets the eye campaign; further acknowledges how this award is a well-deserved recognition of her outstanding contribution to women's football and efforts to advocate for people with disabilities; and wishes Samantha continued success and acclaim in the future.

**707 Wheelchair rugby**Tabled: **30/04/24** Signatories: **9**

**Sarah Dyke**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Lloyd Russell-Moyle**  
**Christine Jardine**

Chris Law

Patrick Grady

Steven Bonnar

That this House congratulates Josh Payne-Gover's success in wheelchair rugby; wishes him the best of luck in achieving a place in the Team GB squad for the Los Angeles Paralympics in 2028; notes the high financial cost of equipment necessary to participate in wheelchair rugby; praises Josh's successful campaign to raise money for a new elite level titanium rugby chair; notes the financial barriers disabled people face when competing in sport; expresses concern that 37% of disabled people cite the cost-of-living crisis as a hindrance to partaking in sport; encourages steps to ensure more disability sport is shown on free-to-air TV; and stresses the importance of providing councils with support to enhance community sporting facilities, including facilities for disabled people.

**708 Price cap on baby milk formula**Tabled: **30/04/24** Signatories: **22**

**Barry Gardiner**  
**Cat Smith**  
**Ian Byrne**  
**Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck**  
**Rosie Duffield**  
**Dame Siobhain McDonagh**

Beth Winter

This House recognises the impact that food price inflation has had on family budgets in recent years, with annual inflation of 19.1% to March 2023, which was the highest rate of food inflation in 45 years; notes with dismay that some retailers have taken to placing baby milk formula under security lock to avert the risk of shoplifting; considers that no parent should feel they have to resort to criminality in order to feed their baby; and therefore urges all supermarkets to urgently review the retail costs of baby formula and to cap it at no more than 1% of its production cost.

**713 Tall ship Tenacious**Tabled: **1/05/24** Signatories: **6**

**Munira Wilson**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Sir Stephen Timms**  
**Ian Blackford**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**

That this House celebrates the legacy of the Jubilee Sailing Trust (JST) in providing life-changing opportunities for over 55,000 people who have sailed with JST tall ships, which were purpose-built with initial funding from the Silver Jubilee of Elizabeth II fund, and the aim of integrating able-bodied and disabled people through tall ship ocean sailing voyages, in which no-one is a passenger and everyone works the ship; notes that the SV Tenacious, the largest wooden tall ship built in the UK for 100 years, is the only remaining tall ship in service in the world which is equipped for

disabled and non-disabled crew to sail together on equal terms; recognises the deep regret at the announcement that the JST has ceased operations and the ship's owning company put into administration, as a result of financial difficulties worsened by inactivity during the pandemic; acknowledges that without this ship, which is equipped with measures such as wheelchair access, a speaking compass, visual and tactile alarms and signage in Braille, many people with differing abilities will not be able to experience the freedom of ocean sailing, regardless of physical limitations, which has, over the decades, created immeasurable cascading benefits to the lives of voyage crew, through the challenging and transformative adventure of tall ship sailing; and further commends the Save Tall Ship Tenacious campaign, wishing them success in their ongoing efforts to save this unique vessel, a shining example of inclusion and equality for people with disabilities and long-term health conditions.

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## 714 Gabriel Fares and the Welsh Three Peaks challenge

Tabled: 1/05/24 Signatories: 9

**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Carol Monaghan**  
**Jim Shannon**

Chris Law

Patrick Grady

Steven Bonnar

That this House commends six year old Gabriel Fares of Llwyngwrl for undertaking the Welsh Three Peaks challenge to raise awareness of his family's plight in Gaza; notes with concern that members of Gabriel's extended family remain displaced in Rafah with their homes in Khan Yunis completely destroyed; further notes that the situation on the ground in Gaza is dire, with food, water and medicine incredibly scarce, with bombs continuing to fall all around them; recognises the challenge facing Gabriel as he prepares to climb Wales's three highest peaks, Yr Wyddfa, Cader Idris, and Pen y Fan with his grandad; further recognises Gabriel's efforts to date in advancing calls for a ceasefire in Gaza by attending local peace rallies and meetings; and calls on the UK Government to take immediate action and create safe, viable routes for the family of British Palestinians to evacuate and seek safety in the UK.

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## 715 Constitutional status of the Punjab region

Tabled: 1/05/24 Signatories: 4

**George Galloway**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Steven Bonnar**

That this House recognises the distinct cultural, historical, and linguistic identity of the Punjab region within India; appreciates the vibrant contributions of the Punjabi community to the global diaspora, including that within the United Kingdom; acknowledges the aspirations of many Punjabis for greater self-governance akin to the status afforded to Scotland within the United Kingdom; supports the right of regions to self-determination within the framework of their national constitutions; calls upon the Government of India to consider granting Punjab a level of autonomy that allows for the self-administration of its cultural, economic, and educational affairs, similar to that enjoyed by Scotland; further urges the UK Government to facilitate and support peaceful dialogue between Punjabi representatives and the Government of India to explore possibilities for

enhanced autonomy; and finally encourages all parties to engage in these discussions with the aim of fostering greater understanding, economic development, and social harmony in the region.

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**716 Commemorating the 40th anniversary of Operation Blue Star and Its aftermath**

Tabled: 1/05/24 Signatories: 3

**George Galloway**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Claudia Webbe**

That this House solemnly commemorates the 40th anniversary of Operation Blue Star, the military action that took place in June 1984 at the Golden Temple in Amritsar, India, resulting in significant loss of life and severe damage to the holiest site in Sikhism; expresses its deep regret over the devastating impact of this military action on the Sikh community; recognises the events that followed Operation Blue Star are viewed by the Sikh community worldwide as a period of intense persecution, described by many as a genocide; acknowledges the profound and lasting pain these events have caused to the Sikh community across the globe; calls for a moment of reflection on the serious consequences of the military action, including the loss of thousands of lives in the ensuing violence; and urges the Government to support international efforts aimed at reconciliation, peace, and justice for the Sikh community, ensuring such tragedies are never repeated.

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**717 Trial and release of Jagtar Singh Johal**

Tabled: 1/05/24 Signatories: 4

**George Galloway**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Claudia Webbe**

That this House expresses its deep concern over the ongoing detention of British citizen Jagtar Singh Johal who was arrested in Punjab, India on 4 November 2017; notes the allegations of torture and denial of fair trial rights as documented by international human rights bodies; recognises the significant distress this has caused to his family and the wider Sikh community in the UK; calls on the Government to intensify diplomatic efforts to ensure Mr Johal receives a fair trial per international legal standards and is afforded protection against any form of torture and mistreatment; urges the Indian authorities to provide transparent evidence and legal justification for Mr. Johal's continued detention; and further calls for Mr. Johal's immediate release if no credible evidence is presented.

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**718 46th anniversary of the murder of Altab Ali**

Tabled: 2/05/24 Signatories: 9

**Apsana Begum**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Clive Lewis**

Beth Winter

That this House marks the 46th anniversary of the racially motivated murder of the 25-year-old textile factory worker, Altab Ali, on 4th May 1978; notes that in the 1970s far right activity and racism was prevalent in East London and that Asian and Black people were frequently attacked; recognises that Altab Ali's murder sparked protests and anti-racist campaigning leading to the historic Battle for Brick Lane and the birth of groups like the Anti-Nazi League and Rock against Racism; plays tribute in particular to the Bangladeshi community and allies in East London's resistance to far-right extremism and institutional racism; expresses concern at the current increase in far right activity and rising levels of racism, Islamophobia and antisemitism; and stands in solidarity with our diverse communities in opposition to the far right and those who try to divide society with fear, bigotry and intolerance.

**719 Allocation of levelling up funding**

Tabled: 2/05/24 Signatories: 7

**Helen Morgan [R]**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jon Trickett**  
**Lloyd Russell-Moyle**  
**Sarah Dyke [R]**

Steven Bonnar

That this House notes with concern the amount spent by local authorities of all parties on bids for levelling up funding that have been unsuccessful; further notes that levelling up funding has not been allocated to the areas with highest levels of deprivation; notes that levelling up funding has not been awarded for projects with a clear regenerative impact, but has been awarded for projects with a purely cosmetic benefit; notes that small awards of funding do not outweigh the impact of significant cuts to real-terms funding for local authorities since 2015; notes that only 10% of funds allocated have been spent to date; notes that local authorities delivering successful project bids have grappled with significant additional costs during the delivery phase, eroding the value of disbursements; and calls on the Government to review the Fair Funding Formula such that resources are allocated to local authorities on the basis of need and the cost of delivering services to local people.

**720 2024 Basque regional election results**Tabled: **2/05/24** Signatories: **7**

**Hywel Williams**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Chris Law**

Steven Bonnar

This House notes the results of the 2024 Basque regional election held on 21 April; congratulates EH Bildu for receiving the best election results in its history having won over 340,000 votes and 27 seats, an increase of six since the last election; commends EH Bildu for the positive and peaceful vision it offered voters during the election with a focus on health, housing, employment and the concerns of young people; and calls on the United Kingdom to strengthen ties with the Basque Country in the spirit of promoting peace and democratic values.

**721 World Press Freedom Day**Tabled: **2/05/24** Signatories: **16**

**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Richard Burgon**  
**Ian Lavery**

Chris Law

This House applauds World Press Freedom Day in declaring its respect and admiration for all journalists and media representatives around the world who face the horrors of possible harassment, incarceration, injury, and death; deplores the targeting of journalists who are simply carrying out their invaluable work; mourns those journalists who have died in conflicts both past and present; notes the significant death toll in Russia - 11 since February 2022 - and Gaza - 92 Palestinians, 2 Israelis since 7 November 2023; condemns the persecution of journalists speaking out against these wars, including the detention of Evan Gershkovich in Russia and the continued imprisonment of Julian Assange, who is being held in a maximum security prison for his role in exposing the truth about war crimes; and demands the release of all journalists who have been persecuted for doing their job.

**722 25th anniversary of Ashwood Scotland Ltd**Tabled: **7/05/24** Signatories: **5**

**Hannah Bardell**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Steven Bonnar**

That this House congratulates Ashwood Scotland Ltd on its 25th anniversary; recognises that Ashwood Scotland was founded in 1999 and began operating out of a small office in Livingston; also congratulates it on its significant success since then, including the completion of over 500 projects; commends Ashwood Scotland's focus on supporting positive mental health in its staff and taking part in community building projects; highlights their founder and Managing Director,

Archie Meikle, and the rest of the wonderful staff keeping the company thriving today; and wishes Ashwood Scotland every success for the future and Archie Meikle joy in his retirement.

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**723 Trans+ History Week**

Tabled: **7/05/24** Signatories: **11**

**Kate Osborne**  
**Nadia Whittome**  
**Charlotte Nichols**  
**Dr Jamie Wallis**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Zarah Sultana**

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Ian Byrne

That this House welcomes the first ever Trans+ History Week; notes that this groundbreaking initiative is aimed at educating and celebrating the millenia-old history of transgender non-binary gender-diverse and intersex individuals; and further acknowledges that the achievements of trans+ people deserve recognition.

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**724 30th anniversary of the International Working Group on Women and Sport**

Tabled: **7/05/24** Signatories: **4**

**Sarah Dyke**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

That this House congratulates the International Working Group (IWG) on Women and Sport on the 30th anniversary of their inception in 1994; recognises the success of the IWG in gaining the support of over 600 international sporting federations from around the globe who have signed their Brighton plus Helsinki Declaration; celebrates the launch of the IWG's webinar series that complements the refreshed IWG Insight Hub; notes, however, that there is much more work needed to increase opportunities for women and girls in sport; is concerned that only 19% of girls aspire to reach the top in sports; is alarmed by the lack of space for girls to play sport, with recent research showing that 49% of girls feel unsafe in local parks and just 34% enjoy exercise in local parks; calls on the Government to improve the safeguarding of space for women and girls to play sport; and encourages continued action at all levels to achieve gender-parity within sport.

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**725 Government surveillance of bank accounts**

Tabled: **7/05/24** Signatories: **21**

**Richard Burgon**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Nadia Whittome**  
**Margaret Greenwood**  
**Apsana Begum**

Jim Shannon  
Jonathan Edwards

Chris Law

Steven Bonnar

That this House is deeply alarmed by new powers contained within the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill that would allow the Government to engage in the mass surveillance of tens of

millions of people's bank accounts; notes that these new powers would force banks to spy on the 23 million individuals in the welfare system, including those who are disabled, sick, caregivers, jobseekers and pensioners, as well as on the private banking data of people related to them including partners, parents, landlords and other associates; further notes that this will be reliant on systems using artificial intelligence to monitor the accounts of all customers to flag activity considered suspicious by the Department for Work and Pensions and believes that this risks creating a Post Office Horizon-style scandal where innocent people suffered wrongful prosecutions, financial ruin and reputational damage; believes that this is a huge infringement on an individual's right to financial privacy and violates the principle of a presumption of innocence that people should not be spied on unless the police suspect wrongdoing; rejects the idea of treating the disabled, sick, carers or those looking for work as criminals by default; further believes that the Government already has significant powers to review the bank statements of fraud suspects under existing laws; and calls on the Government to remove these powers from the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill.

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**726 20th anniversary of the Trinjan group**

Tabled: **7/05/24** Signatories: **2**

**Seema Malhotra**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House extends its congratulations to the Trinjan group and its committee as it celebrates its 20th anniversary; notes that it was founded on 27 April 2004 by Mohinder Dosanjh with Mindu Bains, Harbans Dosanjh, Usha Kiran Trikala, Tara Walia, Amarjit Sidhu, Jatinder Wadhva, Ranju Parshotam and Inderjit Takhar; congratulates and thanks its honorary volunteers who are vital for all its work; further notes that it has been steadfast in its mission to empower women and foster their engagement within local communities; acknowledges Trinjan's invaluable platform, providing women with opportunities for socialisation, networking, and sharing experiences; commends its fundraising efforts, including raising over £50,000 for the Mulberry Centre cancer patient support charity at West Middlesex University Hospital; notes that during lockdown it raised money for charities linked with the NHS, PSP and Encephalitis; recognises the impact of Trinjan as a lifeline for women facing loneliness and isolation particularly after bereavement or illness and its commitment to promoting women's health, fitness, and overall wellbeing; and applauds Trinjan's efforts in building alliances that promote community cohesion and charitable endeavours.

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**727 No confidence in His Majesty's Government**

Tabled: **7/05/24** Signatories: **6**

**Ed Davey**  
**Daisy Cooper**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Sarah Dyke**  
**Helen Morgan**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

That this House has no confidence in His Majesty's Government.

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**728 Water sports and pollution**

Tabled: 7/05/24 Signatories: 4

**Jamie Stone**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Sarah Dyke**

That this House notes the danger posed by water pollution and sewage spills to water sports athletes and participants; recognises that these sports, including angling, rowing, swimming, surfing and others are some of the most popular participation sports in the UK; expresses its concern that the viability of certain sports may be threatened by water pollution; welcomes the campaign of the Clean Water Sports Alliance; urges the Government to support sports clubs affected by sewage dumping; and calls on the Government to take further and faster action on pollution by ending sewage dumping, banning water executives from paying themselves bonuses until sewage dumping stops, transforming England's water companies into public benefit companies, replacing Ofwat with a new regulator with proper teeth to tackle sewage dumping, and introducing a sewage tax to fund the clean up of the most polluted lakes, rivers and coastlines.

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**729 Tom Stoltman, Winner of World's Strongest Man Competition**

Tabled: 7/05/24 Signatories: 4

**Jamie Stone**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Sarah Dyke**  
**Chris Law**

That this House offers its utmost congratulations to Tom Stoltman on his incredible achievement of winning World's Strongest Man 2024; notes this is the third time he has claimed the title in only four years; further notes the sacrifices and challenges he has faced on his journey; and recognises the inspiring work he and his brother have done to act as ambassadors for the sport at a local level in the Highlands and nationally across the UK.

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**730 200th anniversary of the First Market in Crossgar**

Tabled: 7/05/24 Signatories: 2

**Jim Shannon**  
**Steven Bonnar**

That this House celebrates the 200th anniversary of the First Market in Crossgar, that will be held on Saturday 11 May 2024; notes that in association with the Crossgar Historical Society, the Cats Protection Downpatrick Branch will host a charity spring variety sale in Crossgar War Memorial Hall; highlights the establishment of Crossgar Market in 1824 to coincide with the naming of the village; and sends best wishes to all those celebrating the event this week.

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**731 Dementia Action Week**

Tabled: 7/05/24 Signatories: 8

**Jim Shannon**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Chris Law**  
**Cat Smith**  
**Patrick Grady**

Steven Bonnar

Jonathan Edwards

That this House notes Dementia Action Week 2024, taking place from 13 to 19 May 2024; highlights that Dementia Action Week is an awareness raising campaign and each year the Alzheimer's Society works with individuals and organisations across the UK to encourage people to act on Dementia; underlines the support offered to those pre and post diagnosis and furthermore the advice offered to help people cope with memory loss and other immediate symptoms; further notes that there are over 900,000 people living with Dementia in the UK and that this is expected to rise sharply in the coming years; thanks charities like the Alzheimer's Society for all the support they provide in relation to this; and also notes that people collectively can continue to do their bit to educate themselves on how best to assist those with Dementia.

**732 Frome Town FC promotion to Southern League Premier South**

Tabled: 7/05/24 Signatories: 3

**Sarah Dyke**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Steven Bonnar**

That this House congratulates Frome Town FC on their victory in the Division One South play-off final and promotion to the Southern League Premier South; looks forward to watching Frome Town FC compete next season; recognises that grassroots sports clubs are often at the heart of local communities; however is concerned by the financial pressures non-league football clubs are facing; believes action is needed to ensure non-league football clubs are not lost; disagrees with the Football Association's recent decision to scrap FA Cup replays after the first round; and wants to see a more equitable sharing of power throughout football governance.

**733 Declaration to mark the visit of Father Gabriel Romanelli to Scotland**

Tabled: 7/05/24 Signatories: 11

**Patrick Grady**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**  
**David Linden**  
**Carol Monaghan**

Stewart Malcolm McDonald  
 Anne McLaughlin

Alison Thewliss  
 Steven Bonnar

Chris Stephens

That this House welcomes the joint declaration by the Archbishop of Glasgow, Most Rev William Nolan, and the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, Rt Rev Sally Foster-Fulton, issued on 26th April 2024 to mark the visit to Glasgow of Father Gabriel Romanelli, Parish Priest of the Holy Family Church in Gaza; notes that the declaration expresses solidarity with all the sons and daughters of Abraham, the peoples of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim heritage in the Holy Land, those of other faiths and none across the region, and recognises that millions of innocent people have suffered

the consequences of violence and war, families and communities have been devastated, many have lost hope for a peaceful future and that men, women and children have been robbed of their innate human dignity and their right to survive; further notes that in stating enough is enough, the statement expresses hope that all may know deep peace and reconciliation in their lifetimes, supports agencies and individuals who are serving those suffering at their time of greatest need, unites with all people of good will who are campaigning for an end to this violence, resolves to never not lose hope, and prays that the hearts of people in positions of power to end this senseless violence may be turned towards compassion, and that they may have the courage and wisdom to pursue the path of justice and peace for all who call the Holy Land home.