

#### **PUBLISHED - MONDAY 29 JULY 2024**

# Early Day Motions tabled on Friday 26 July 2024

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## **New EDMs**

## 72 South Devon gymnast at the Paris Olympics 2024

Tabled: 26/07/24 Signatories: 1

#### **Steve Darling**

That this House congratulates every athlete selected to represent Team GB at Paris 2024 and wishes them every success at the Games; notes that 16-year-old Paignton born gymnast Abigail Martin, member of the South Devon School of Gymnastics is competing; and further notes the vital contribution of UK Sport and The National Lottery in supporting these athletes on their journey to the pinnacle of sport.

## 73 Community Ownership Fund

Tabled: 26/07/24 Signatories: 1

#### Claire Hanna

That this House notes that the Community Ownership Fund was introduced by the last Government to support voluntary and community groups; further notes that current Community Ownership funding will come to an end in March 2025; acknowledges that many organisations and projects are reliant on this funding due to the withdrawal of EU structural funds and face uncertainty about what comes next; and calls on the new Government to provide reassurance and to outline plans for the continuation or replacement of the fund as soon as possible to allow organisations to plan ahead.

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# 74 Olympic Games 2024 legacy

Tabled: 26/07/24 Signatories: 1

#### Sarah Dyke

That this House wishes Olympic athletes from Glastonbury and Somerton, Sophie Hamilton and Matt Richards, luck in the Paris Olympic Games; commends them for being positive role models in the community that will make their nation proud; calls on the Government to ensure a lasting legacy from the Games to boost participation in grassroots sports by investing in leisure centres, swimming pools and supporting community sports clubs; further calls for sports funding via the National Lottery to be protected; notes that Somerset has a proud history of producing Olympic athletes; and wishes everyone in Team GB the best of luck in Paris.

## 75 St Leonard's Catholic School, City of Durham

Tabled: 26/07/24 Signatories: 1

## **Mary Kelly Foy**

That this House expresses its support for the parents, pupils and staff at St Leonard's Catholic School in City of Durham who were deeply affected by the reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete crisis in August 2023; notes the extent of the disruption that the crisis caused; believes the previous Conservative government did not do enough to support the school or its community; further notes that the previous Secretary of State for Education did not provide mitigating circumstances for pupils despite the hardships they faced; highlights the support that the St Leonard's community received in City of Durham and throughout the North East of England; and pays tribute to the determination of the St Leonard's community, whose hard work has secured a rebuild of the school estate.

#### 76 NHS staff car parking charges

Tabled: 26/07/24 Signatories: 1

#### Jon Trickett

That this House supports free car parking for all NHS staff; notes that driving to work is the only viable option for some NHS staff; further notes that some NHS Trusts have introduced complicated invoicing systems through which staff are billed for parking, which has contributed to low morale in the workforce; recognises that during the pandemic NHS staff did not have to pay for parking but charges were subsequently reinstated; believes that NHS staff do an incredible job looking after us and the Government should look after them in return; and calls on the Government to examine the possibility of permanently scrapping car parking charges for NHS staff.

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# **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.

## 13 Britain's first black police officer, John Kent

Tabled: 17/07/24 Signatories: 10

Ms Julie Minns Ben Lake Liz Saville Roberts Llinos Medi Ann Davies Adam Jogee

John Slinger

That this House pays tribute to Britain's first black police officer, John Kent who died on 20 July 1886; notes that John Kent was the son of a freed slave, Thomas Kent; further notes that John Kent began his policing career in Maryport, Cumbria in 1835 before transferring to the Carlisle City Police in 1837; commends John Kent for his service, in particular his policing of the Carlisle election riots during which he and other officers were injured; and asks that the Speaker's Advisory Committee on Works of Art consider commissioning a portrait of Britain's first black police officer to mark the 220th anniversary of John Kent's birth which falls in 2025.

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## 20 Durham Miners' Gala 2024

Tabled: 17/07/24 Signatories: 13

Mary Kelly Foy Kim Johnson Jeremy Corbyn Jon Trickett Andy McDonald John McDonnell

Rachael Maskell

That this House celebrates the Durham Miners' Gala, also known as the Big Meeting; believes that the Durham Miners' Gala is the greatest celebration of working-class solidarity in the world; recognises the contribution mineworkers have made to the working-class movement throughout history; further recognises the contribution of mineworkers in defeating fascism in World War II; recognises the contribution of the National Union of Mineworkers to the labour movement, the Labour Party and trade-unionism; recognises the cultural, historical and political ties between County Durham and the mining industry; notes that the 138th Big Meeting marked the 40th anniversary of the 1984-85 miners' strike; recognises the vital role of women

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in the miners' strike; further believes that the gala is a beacon of hope for workers' around the country; and encourages everyone to become a Marra.

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#### 27 School minibus safety

Tabled: 17/07/24 Signatories: 6

Sarah Edwards Tahir Ali Mary Kelly Foy Adam Jogee Jim Shannon Dr Allison Gardner

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; also 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; further 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; also 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.

#### 33 Gaza

Tabled: 18/07/24 Signatories: 24

Andy McDonald
Debbie Abrahams
Naz Shah
Brendan O'Hara
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Kim Johnson

Rachael Maskell

That this House notes the appalling situation in Gaza, where Palestinian civilians are facing death by starvation; supports an immediate bilateral ceasefire, including the release of hostages held by armed groups in Gaza, and the release of Palestinian detainees held without charge in Israel; calls on the Government to demand full humanitarian access into Gaza, including that Israel open all crossings into the Gaza strip; notes the vital importance of the life-saving work of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) and calls on the Government to resume full funding of what is the largest humanitarian agency operating

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in Gaza; further calls on the Government to ensure that all parties uphold international humanitarian law and are accountable for any violations; further notes the widespread violations of international law; calls on the Government publish the legal advice on such violations and the legal situation regarding UK arms trade with Israel; and further calls on the Government to fully uphold the independence of the International Court of Justice and International Criminal Court and respect the outcome of their investigations.

### 44 Fire Brigades Union

Tabled: 22/07/24 Signatories: 14

Stephen Gethins
Mary Kelly Foy
Jim Shannon
Jon Trickett
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts

Andy McDonald Brendan O'Hara

That this House recognises the hard work of the Fire Brigades Union and Jim Malone, a constituent of the hon. Member for Arbroath and Broughty Ferry, who, with the support of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Scottish Trades Union Congress and Scottish Government, have been able to facilitate the training of over 100 Palestinian firefighters in Scotland; notes that the Fire Brigades Union has successfully delivered essential equipment to Palestine, such as fire appliances and firefighting kits; further notes that the Fire Brigades Union is currently delivering another fire appliance to the Nablus Municipality Fire Department and that appliance, packed with kit and equipment, is sailing to the Israeli port of Ashdod; calls for the safe passage of the lifesaving equipment and hopes that the local organisations will safely collect this humanitarian donation; and commends the important and life-saving work that these organisations are providing.

#### 51 Radiotherapy

Tabled: **22/07/24** Signatories: **15** 

Grahame Morris Ellie Chowns Mary Kelly Foy Jim Shannon Jeremy Corbyn Jon Trickett

#### Rachael Maskell

That this House recognises the value of radiotherapy as a key and lifesaving cancer treatment, necessary for around half of all cancer cures and as a highly effective, non-invasive treatment for patients; celebrates the invaluable contribution of the approximately 6,400-strong

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radiotherapy workforce who treat over 100,000 cancer patients in the UK each year; welcomes the technological advancements in radiotherapy that can deliver more effective treatments, reduce side effects, and increase treatment capacity to reduce waiting lists; and further welcomes the work of radiotherapy cancer charities, such as Radiotherapy UK, in supporting cancer patients and advocating for a world-leading national radiotherapy and cancer service.

58 **UK arms exports to Israel** 

Tabled: 23/07/24 Signatories: 35

Layla Moran
Tom Morrison
Sarah Dyke
Clive Jones
Dr Danny Chambers
Anna Sabine

Munira Wilson

That this House notes with deep concern possible breaches of International Humanitarian Law by Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territories; 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; therefore calls on the UK Government to cease the export of UK arms to Israel; recognises that the Palestinian Authority and Hamas are listed within the Occupied Palestinian Territories section of the 2022 FCDO human rights report; further 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; further urges the UK Government to take steps to secure an immediate bilateral ceasefire in Israel and Gaza to put an end to the humanitarian devastation in Gaza, get the hostages home and create space to secure a two-state solution; and believes that only two-states and a lasting peace can delivery the security and dignity that Israelis and Palestinians need and deserve.

60 All England Lawn Tennis Club proposal to develop Wimbledon Park

Tabled: 24/07/24 Signatories: 3

Mr Paul Kohler Sarah Olney Sarah Dyke

That this House congratulates the All England Lawn Tennis Club on this year's successful Championships; acknowledges the Club's status as the host of the world's premier tennis tournament; recognises their plans to build a 10 storey stadium, nine further outbuildings, 38 tennis courts and over 9km of roads on Capability Brown's historic parkland in Wimbledon

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Park; notes the impact the proposed expansion will have on both the local community and the environment; urges the Club to fully and constructively engage with residents and other stakeholders to reach a compromise that addresses the needs of all parties; and calls upon the All England Club to honour and abide by the solemn promises and legal undertakings they committed to when they originally purchased this environmentally significant area of Metropolitan Open Land.

65 Tax on private jets

Tabled: 24/07/24 Signatories: 8

Neil Duncan-Jordan Jon Trickett Mary Kelly Foy Andy McDonald Carla Denyer Siân Berry

Ellie Chowns Adrian Ramsay

That this House is concerned that private jets release 10 times more carbon per passenger than commercial flights, pay no VAT or fuel duty and most passengers pay the same low rate of air passenger duty as ordinary commercial flyers; recognises that the UK has more private flights and more pollution from private jets than any other country in Europe; and calls on the Government to tackle this issue by levying VAT, tax fuel and increase air passenger duty on private jets which would raise £700m a year.

71 Recognition of the state of Palestine

Tabled: 25/07/24 Signatories: 11

Shockat Adam Ayoub Khan Jeremy Corbyn Mr Adnan Hussain Iqbal Mohamed Carla Denyer

Brendan O'Hara Graham Leadbitter

That this House notes the UN General Assembly resolution of 9 May 2024 which recommended that the Security Council reconsider the matter of the recognition of the state of Palestine following the use of their veto by the United States on 18 April 2024; recognises the international community's growing consensus, noting that as of May 2024 Ireland, Spain, and Norway joined 145 UN member states in recognising the state of Palestine; condemns the vote of Israel's Knesset on 18 July 2024 to reject the establishment of an independent Palestinian state; and calls on HM Government to immediately recognise the state of Palestine in accordance with the International Court of Justice's advisory opinion of 2024, which recognised that the West Bank, East Jerusalem and the Gaza strip constitute a single territorial unit the integrity of which is to be respected.