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## Early Day Motions tabled on Monday 24 February 2025

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### New EDMs

807      **Hill farming**

Tabled: **24/02/25**      Signatories: **1**

**Tim Farron**

That this House recognises hill farming to be critical to the protection and restoration of beautiful British upland farmland; acknowledges the world class standards of animal husbandry and food production practised by British upland farmers; notes that hill farmers work to improve biodiversity through sheep grazing and the protection of wetlands and woodlands; further recognises the efforts of hill farmers to improve water quality and reduce water run-off across their land, which provides vital natural flood mitigation; also recognises the flood mitigation work of upland farmers in Longsleddale and Kentmere protecting homes in Kendal, Staveley, and Burneside from devastating floods; understands hill farmers protect peatlands which capture and store carbon; remembers that when UNESCO gave the Lake District World Heritage Status, they gave equal credit for landscape formation to hill farmers as they did the glaciers; further notes therefore with concern that, despite this, hill farmers' livelihoods are at risk from delays to new Government higher-tier support schemes, and are receiving only 8% of the Government's Sustainable Farming Incentive despite the uplands occupying around 15% of England's area; urges the Government to consider the vital benefits of hill farming for environment and national cultural heritage when assessing competing demands on land through the Land Use Framework; and calls on the Government to dedicate further support to upland farmers to reflect their vital work to protect natural landscapes.

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**808 Cash acceptance**Tabled: **24/02/25** Signatories: **1****Neil Duncan-Jordan**

That this House is concerned at the rapidly increasing trend for UK businesses, local authorities and leisure facilities, including those supported by taxpayer funding, to refuse to accept cash for payments; appreciates that this issue is of ever-increasing importance to the 16 million British adults who run their household budgets using cash, along with many of the 13 million UK citizens over 65 struggling to make ends-meet; recognises that the estimated 4 million people in the UK at risk in abusive relationships may use discretely saved cash as an escape route from abuse; deplores the fact that the imposition of app-only payment, including for car parking and other travel-related purchases, severely threatens the financial inclusion of the 8 million plus adults who do not own smart phones; notes that most of the UK's European neighbours, including Belgium, France, Denmark, the Netherlands, Norway and Spain, have already put cash acceptance legislation in place; understands that a recent survey by YouGov established that 71% of British adults want similar legal measures introduced in the UK; and calls on the Government to introduce legislation to require all businesses in the UK to accept cash for payment.

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**809 LGBTQI+ people in immigration detention**Tabled: **24/02/25** Signatories: **1****Bell Ribeiro-Addy**

That this House welcomes the ongoing review of the Home Office's Adults at risk in immigration detention policy; notes that LGBTQI+ people face heightened levels of harassment, discrimination, abuse, and physical and sexual violence in immigration detention; recognises that the bullying of and discrimination against LGBTQI+ people in detention can re-traumatise those who have fled persecution; believes that immigration detention is costly and punitive, and that cheaper and more humane alternatives to detention exist; further welcomes the community-based Alternative to Detention pilots undertaken by the Home Office and supports their wider expansion; calls on the Government to include being gay, lesbian, bisexual or queer in the Adults at risk in immigration detention policies indicators of risk and to remove the categorisation of vulnerability based on evidence levels; and supports the greater use of community-based alternatives to detention.

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**810 Increases in rail fares**Tabled: **24/02/25** Signatories: **1****James MacCleary**

That this House deeply regrets the Government's decision to increase rail fares by 4.6%, at a time when performance on the rail network continues to decline; notes with concern that this increase fails to incentivise train use, undermining efforts to promote public transport as

an affordable and sustainable alternative; expresses concern that an annual season ticket for a commuter travelling from Lewes to London Victoria now costs an eye-watering £5,432; condemns the worsening reliability of services, with persistent delays, cancellations, and overcrowding making rail travel increasingly frustrating for passengers; and believes that commuters and families should not be forced to pay more for a service that continues to deteriorate.

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**811      160th anniversary of SeeScape**

Tabled: **24/02/25**    Signatories: **1**

**Richard Baker**

That this House recognises the remarkable achievements of Seescape, which celebrates its 160th anniversary this year; acknowledges the depth and scope of the charity's vital role in supporting people with visual impairment across Fife, previously as Fife Society for the Blind and now as Seescape, helping people with sight loss to live independently, improve their health and wellbeing, to access work, study and social opportunities and live their lives to the full, with notable clients including former Prime Minister Gordon Brown and Paralympic climber Garry Morrison; further recognises the many volunteers whose vital contributions throughout the years make Seescape the success it is today; and calls on hon. and Rt hon. Members to continue to work towards reducing employment access inequality for people with disabilities.

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**812      Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide charity**

Tabled: **24/02/25**    Signatories: **1**

**Layla Moran**

That this House recognises the important work done by the charity Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide; notes that for every person who dies by suicide, there are up to 135 people who are impacted by the death; further notes Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide's aim to set up groups across the country to be a network of support for those who have lost loved ones to suicide; recognises current bereavement services fall short due to a lack of funding; and calls on the Government to act urgently and step up support for those experiencing bereavement by suicide.

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**813      Supporting British farmers**

Tabled: **24/02/25**    Signatories: **1**

**Edward Morello**

That this House recognises the vital contribution of British farmers to food security, environmental protection, and rural communities; notes with great concern that 30% of farms failed to make profit in 2023/24 and the UK has seen a 5.8% decline in dairy producers; acknowledges farmers are being forced to diversify due to poor profitability; calls on the Government to support farmers' efforts to diversify alongside their work in food production;

further calls on the Government to increase the farming budget by £1 billion a year; also calls for fairer trade deals post-Brexit that protect farming standards and ensure British farmers are not undercut; highlights the urgent need to support farmers facing extreme weather events caused by climate change, such as flooding and droughts, to maintain national food security; further notes the financial strain on family farms due to Inheritance Tax changes, and understands that the new exemption of only the first £1 million in agricultural and business assets leaves many family farms vulnerable; further highlights the case of a brother and sister in West Dorset, who are seventh generational dairy farmers, who will face a tax bill of £400,000 upon their mother's passing, which will exceed their annual profits; calls on supermarkets to prioritise paying farmers fairly rather than prioritising profit; and further calls for the introduction of a fairer food supply chain, greater investment in agricultural technology, stronger mental health support for farmers, and protections for high-quality farmland to support domestic food production.

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**814 Earls High School and Project Gambia**

Tabled: **24/02/25** Signatories: **1**

**Alex Ballinger**

That this House commends Earls High School for their longstanding support of the charity Project Gambia; congratulates their efforts in increasing student participation in the charity; praises the 32 Year 10 students who will be travelling to Gambia at the end of the month to volunteer with young children in various schools; commends the charitable work the Year 10 students have already engaged in before the trip, helping raise funds to support the construction of classrooms, purchase equipment and collect hygiene products; and thanks Mrs Sevier, Mrs Narrowmore and Mr Butler for all their efforts in organising this educational, unique and charitable trip.

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**815 Edinburgh Integrated Joint Board funding for third sector groups**

Tabled: **24/02/25** Signatories: **1**

**Dr Scott Arthur**

That this House notes the significant concern by elected representatives, service users, and the 64 affected national and local charities providing services to the community in Edinburgh at the reported plan by the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board (EIJB) to end its £4.5 million charity grant programme; urges the EIJB to further engage with the affected charities and to reconsider the scrapping of this programme; and calls on the EIJB to work with NHS Lothian, the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership and the City of Edinburgh Council to ensure the continuation of the vital services delivered by the 64 charity providers to protect the thousands of vulnerable people they support across the city.

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**816 55th anniversary of Drumchapel Credit Union**Tabled: **24/02/25** Signatories: **1****Patricia Ferguson**

That this House congratulates Drumchapel Credit Union on reaching its 55th anniversary; notes that, having been formed in 1970, it is the first credit union in Scotland; recognises the credit union's significant contribution to the local community in Drumchapel and Glasgow West constituency, and the vital role it has played in providing accessible financial services and support to its members; acknowledges its commitment to financial inclusion and education, helping to provide citizens across the area with the tools needed to manage their finances effectively; and commends the dedication of its staff and volunteers, whose hard work and enduring support has ensured the long running success of the credit union.

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**817 Jallianwala Bagh massacre of 1919**Tabled: **24/02/25** Signatories: **1****John McDonnell**

That this House notes the horrific events that took place on the 13 April 1919 where more than 1500 unarmed children, women, men and the elderly were brutally shot and murdered and more than 6,000 were injured without any warning or reason under the order of Brigadier General R.E.H. Dye; further notes the massacre and the humiliations that followed are a deep stain and scar on British history; and calls on the Government to make a formal apology which would give some solace to the victims, their families and the people of the Indian subcontinent.

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**818 Commemorating 200 years of the modern railway**Tabled: **24/02/25** Signatories: **1****Karl Turner**

That this House celebrates the bicentenary of the Stockton and Darlington Railway, opened on 27 September 1825, marking the beginning of the modern railway era; notes that this was a transformative innovation, born in Britain, which rapidly spread across the globe, connecting places, people, ideas and fundamentally transforming the fabric of society; acknowledges Railway 200, a year-long nationwide partnership-led campaign commencing in January 2025; aims to honour this legacy by showcasing rail's monumental past, its vital role today, and its crucial importance to a sustainable future; recognises the significant impact of rail in contemporary times, with UK railways carrying 1.4 billion passengers across 9,864 miles and moving over 15.7 billion tonnes of freight, effectively reducing road congestion and promoting a greener economy; further notes that the Railway 200 initiative is being meticulously developed by a cross-industry partnership dedicated to engaging young people from diverse backgrounds and encouraging volunteerism within heritage railways; applauds the ongoing efforts to modernise the UK rail network; commends major improvement projects such as HS2, the Trans Pennine Route Upgrade, and East West Rail; further acknowledges the important role

of heritage railways, which span 600 miles and are maintained by the dedication of 22,000 volunteers and 4,000 staff, offering enriching experiences to 13 million visitors annually; and urges all members and constituents to support Railway 200 and participate in celebrating the pivotal role of rail in past, present, and future progress.

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**819 Lancashire Police Museum**

Tabled: **24/02/25** Signatories: **1**

**Cat Smith**

That this House congratulates Lancashire Police Museum on receiving a Judges' Commendation at this year's Lancashire Tourism Awards for contributing to the local economy and the quality of life in Lancashire; thanks the team of volunteers at the museum for their dedication to providing visitors with a brilliant museum, showcasing some of Lancaster's rich and interesting history; commends the museum for welcoming more than 60,000 visitors including groups from schools, colleges and universities, since it opened in 2022; recognises their achievements since opening their doors and especially this year at the Lancashire Tourism Awards; and pays tribute to their continued success and to the longevity of this fantastic museum for drawing in visitors to the benefit of local businesses and residents.

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**820 Wellbeing of home educated children**

Tabled: **24/02/25** Signatories: **1**

**Gideon Amos**

That this House recognises that for many children and their families, personalised home education is the best choice, and therefore affirms the rights of parents to choose home education where it is in their child's best interest; notes that, in and of itself, home education does not present a safeguarding risk; further notes that existing child protection frameworks should be strengthened; believes that the implementation of a register of children not in school should not impose burdensome or disproportionate levels of oversight on home educators; further believes that details required within that register must be limited to those strictly necessary to safeguarding the wellbeing of the home educated child; is concerned at the potential for home education provision to be unjustly denied in cases where it is most appropriate for the child, particularly for children with SEND diagnoses; also notes the lack of support offered to home educating families in the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill; urges the House to support amendments to that Bill to make examination free to home educated children; and further urges the Government to engage meaningfully to strengthen not weaken the wellbeing and life chances of home educated children.

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**821 Barton Grange garden centre**Tabled: **24/02/25** Signatories: **1****Cat Smith**

That this House congratulates Barton Grange garden centre on being named Destination Garden Centre of the Year at the Garden Centre Association's 2024 Awards; recognises the prestige of this accolade, which reflects the hard work, dedication and passion of the entire team at Barton Grange; commends the garden centre for its outstanding commitment to excellence across all areas, including its extensive product range, high-quality offerings, accessible disabled facilities, sustainability initiatives, and exceptional garden care department; notes the centre's impressive houseplant and seasonal plant selections, which continue to inspire and delight visitors; celebrates its success in providing an exceptional shopping experience, drawing visitors from across the region, and contributing to the local economy; and pays tribute to Barton Grange's continued achievements and its reputation as a leading destination for gardeners and visitors alike.

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**822 Striking workers at the Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts sixth form**Tabled: **24/02/25** Signatories: **3****Kim Johnson****Ian Byrne****Paula Barker**

That this House stands in solidarity with staff at the Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts (LIPA), who are embarking on a two-week strike demanding union recognition; recognises the dedication and hard work of the teaching staff at LIPA Sixth Form and their vital role in providing high-quality education to students; notes with concern that staff have been left with no choice but to take strike action due to inefficient management practices and health and safety concerns; further stands in solidarity with the striking staff and their union representatives in their fight for fair treatment and recognition of the National Education Union (NEU); and calls on the Multi-Academy Trust to immediately sign a Trade Union Recognition Agreement and engage in meaningful negotiations with staff to resolve the dispute and ensure fair working conditions for all employees.

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**823 Acts of violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo**Tabled: **24/02/25** Signatories: **1****Jim Shannon**

That this House notes with sadness that 70 Christians have been found beheaded in church in the DRC; underlines that on 13 February 2025, suspected militants from the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) based in the countries North East region, a group with ties to the Islamic State, approached homes in Mayba in the territory of Lubero to which twenty Christian men and women came out and were captured; further notes that the ADF surrounded the village and

captured a further 50 Christians, took them to a Protestant Church in Kasanga and murdered them; highlights that this is a heinous act of violence against civilians and that the perpetrators must be held accountable for these widespread violations of human rights; calls upon the government and their international counterparts to prioritise civilian protection in DRC where armed groups are operating; and further calls upon those of faith to remain in prayer for vulnerable communities and these grieving families.

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824 **Plant Health**

Tabled: **24/02/25** Signatories: **1**

**Jim Allister**

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Official Controls (Plant Health) and Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 13), dated 7 January 2025, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8 January, be annulled.

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825 **Citizenship for refugees**

Tabled: **24/02/25** Signatories: **1**

**Lisa Smart**

That this House notes with concern the new Home Office guidance issued this month, which states that anyone who enters the UK irregularly will be refused naturalisation, regardless of how long they have lived in the UK; further notes that this policy could permanently bar many refugees from becoming British citizens; regrets that the former Conservative government closed safe and legal routes to sanctuary, leaving many desperate people with no choice but to make perilous journey in the control of criminal smugglers and traffickers; believes that this policy will not deter dangerous Channel crossings or disrupt criminal trafficking networks, but will instead hinder refugee integration and undermine the UK's obligations under international law, which protect refugees from being penalised for illegal entry; and calls on the Government to bring forward new guidance that ensures a path to citizenship for refugees, enabling refugees to fully integrate into our communities and contribute to our economy, while providing safe and legal routes to sanctuary for refugees.

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826 **International Mother Language Day**

Tabled: **24/02/25** Signatories: **1**

**Shockat Adam**

That this House celebrates International Mother Language Day and observes the importance of promoting linguistic and cultural diversity; recognises the historical significance of International Mother Language Day, especially in Bangladesh, where the day is observed as a national holiday in remembrance of the 1952 language movement martyrs who gave their lives defending the right to speak Bengali as their mother language; calls on the Government to ensure



that linguistic diversity is embraced; and urges continued global cooperation in preserving languages, particularly those at risk of extinction.

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**827 UK-Ukraine voluntary aid groups**

Tabled: **24/02/25** Signatories: **1**

**Luke Myer**

That this House expresses its deep gratitude to all those who volunteer across the United Kingdom to provide aid for Ukraine; commends the individuals, community groups, and businesses who have donated medical supplies, toiletries, and other essential goods and transported them to Ukraine; and recognises the contribution of voluntary aid groups such as SUKS in East Cleveland, which has made over ninety aid runs to reach those in need.

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**828 Cornwall Air Ambulance**

Tabled: **24/02/25** Signatories: **1**

**Ben Maguire**

That this House congratulates Cornwall Air Ambulance for its outstanding achievements in 2024, having successfully completed over 1,000 missions, including 445 trauma-related incidents, 327 medical emergencies, and 274 cardiac arrests; recognises the invaluable work of the charity's critical care team, which has also delivered 19 blood transfusions at the scenes of emergencies; expresses sincere gratitude to the crews for their life-saving work in airlifting patients; further acknowledges the charity's significant fundraising efforts, including their current Heli2 Appeal; calls on the Government and the public to support the charity and the efforts they undertake; and further recognises the hard work of dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to raise funds and keep their vital service going.

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**829 St Charles Primary School receives the Leader in Me Lighthouse award**

Tabled: **24/02/25** Signatories: **1**

**Martin Rhodes**

That this House congratulates St Charles Primary School on receiving the Leader in Me Lighthouse award; recognises that this is the first school in Glasgow and one of a handful in Scotland to win this prestigious national award; celebrates the hard work of the staff and pupils in successfully implementing the Leader in Me programme, which signifies the school has made significant progress in fostering leadership skills and exemplifying a leadership culture; recognises the young leaders who have followed the seven habits model; highlights the school's success in providing their pupils the opportunity to become confident future leaders whilst providing a supportive environment for the pupils to learn, which appreciates the different variations and manifestations of success; and wishes the staff and pupils at St Charles every success for the future.

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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.

### 729 **World Cancer Day and Leukaemia UK's Take Action, Save Lives report**

Tabled: **3/02/25** Signatories: **43**

**Clive Jones [R]**  
**Sorcha Eastwood**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Steve Darling**  
**Ian Roome**  
**Martin Wrigley**

John McDonnell

That this House recognises that World Cancer Day is held on 4 February; welcomes the launch of Leukaemia UK's report, Take Action, Save Lives, which highlights the need for a National Cancer Strategy with commitments to save and improve the lives of those affected by leukaemia; notes that nearly 60,000 people are affected by leukaemia in the UK, and 10,000 people are newly diagnosed every year, while it mainly affects adults, leukaemia is the most common childhood cancer; expresses concern that if no action is taken nearly 80% of those diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (AML) today, will not survive this Parliament; appreciates that the five-year survival rate of AML, 22%, is one of the lowest of all cancers; urges the Government to adopt the report's recommendations, including a commitment to double the 5-year survival of AML from 22% to 44%; and encourages all Members of Parliament to attend Leukaemia UK's drop-in event in Parliament on World Cancer Day.

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### 731 **World Cancer Day 2025**

Tabled: **3/02/25** Signatories: **15**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Neil Duncan-Jordan**  
**Tom Morrison**  
**Manuela Perteghella**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Christine Jardine**

John McDonnell

That this House notes World Cancer Day 2025, celebrated on 4 February; highlights that cancer is more than just a medical diagnosis, behind every diagnosis lies a unique human story, with the same hope but different outcomes; underlines that about one in five people develop cancer

in their lifetime, and approximately one in nine men and one in 12 women die from the disease; further notes that on World Cancer Day, everyone can make a difference by sharing their stories and spreading the word; and urges Government to continue providing funding and research into further cancer study, to ensure we can live in a world where millions of cancer deaths are prevented.

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**733      Eco-Museum of Scottish Mining Landscapes**

Tabled: **3/02/25**      Signatories: **8**

**Brian Leishman**

**Neil Duncan-Jordan**

**Jim Shannon**

**Mary Kelly Foy**

**Ian Lavery**

**Jon Trickett**

John McDonnell

That this House recognises the cultural, historical, and environmental significance of Scotland's mining landscapes and welcomes the creation of the Eco-Museum of Scottish Mining Landscapes; commends the work of Dr Catherine Mills of the University of Stirling, in collaboration with local communities and heritage partners, in preserving and celebrating the legacy of coal mining across the Midland Coalfield, which stretches from Ayrshire to Fife; notes that this project builds on the success of the Landscape Legacies of Coal initiative, saving and expanding a collection of over 180 miles of walking routes with more than 1,000 points of interest, illustrated with historical images, maps, oral histories, poetry, song, and art; acknowledges that coal mining once played a vital role in Scotland's economy and social fabric, employing 150,000 workers at its post-war peak, yet the rapid decline of the industry led to the erasure of much of its industrial archaeology; further recognises that, despite this loss, mining landscapes remain rich with memory, identity, and potential, serving as spaces of heritage, ecological transformation, and green energy transition; further welcomes the community-led approach of the Eco-Museum, which ensures that local voices shape the narrative of Scotland's industrial past; and calls on the Government to support the preservation and promotion of Scotland's mining landscapes through heritage funding, community engagement initiatives, and the integration of these landscapes into national education, conservation, and tourism strategies.

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**734 South Western Railway service standards and performance**Tabled: **3/02/25** Signatories: **16**

**Luke Taylor**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Steve Darling**  
**Martin Wrigley**  
**Edward Morello**  
**Neil Duncan-Jordan**

John McDonnell

That this House notes with deep concern the inadequate state of train services provided by South Western Railway, particularly affecting Worcester Park Station, but also across the broader train network; highlights the ongoing issues of frequent cancellations, delays, and short-formed trains, often leaving commuters unable to board and contributing to overcrowding; further notes the decline in service frequency, despite growing passenger demand post-pandemic; and emphasises the frustration of constituents, who are facing rising fares while enduring deteriorating service standards.

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**735 Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (Amendment) Bill**Tabled: **3/02/25** Signatories: **9**

**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Llinos Medi**  
**Ann Davies**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Ellie Chowns**

John McDonnell

That this House condemns sexual harassment in the workplace; highlights a 2023 TUC poll that shows three in five women, 58%, have experienced sexual harassment, bullying, or verbal abuse in the workplace; argues that legislating in this space is long overdue, and is necessary to ensure staff safety in the workplace; notes that while international law recognises the right to work free from violence and harassment, the recommendations of the International Labour Organisation's Convention 190 have yet to be fully implemented in the UK; calls on the Government to give its support for the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (Amendment) Bill, developed alongside the Suzy Lampugh Trust and Rights of Women, which would amend the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 to make gender-based violence and harassment in the workplace an enforceable health and safety measure; further argues that the UK Government's goal to halve violence against women and girls in the next decade cannot be achieved without a cross-departmental and public health approach which goes beyond a focus on criminal justice; and implores the Government to establish a systematic, collective, and publicly enforceable approach to gender-based violence prevention by supporting this Bill.

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**739 Wheelchair services provided by AJM Healthcare**Tabled: **4/02/25** Signatories: **19**

**Daisy Cooper**  
**Daniel Francis**  
**Steve Darling**  
**Dr Roz Savage**  
**Adam Dance**  
**Jim Shannon**

John McDonnell

That this House notes with deep concern the poor performance of AJM Healthcare, the leading provider of NHS wheelchair services, as set out in news reports and experienced by an increasing number of constituents; expresses its disappointment that responses to enquiries to that organisation are not forthcoming to its users, Integrated Care Boards, or their Members of Parliament; agrees with users that the waiting times for wheelchairs provided by AJM Healthcare are unacceptably long and are impacting users' mental and physical wellbeing; regrets that the Government does not have specific plans to solicit feedback from Integrated Care Boards on the performance of AJM Healthcare in their areas; further regrets that the Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board has stated that there was some way to go before they have AJM Healthcare providing the level and responsiveness of service patients and their families need; further notes with alarm that AJM Healthcare is one of the largest national wheelchair providers supplying approximately 150,000 registered users and representing around 20% of all wheelchair service needs for NHS England; calls on AJM Healthcare to respond promptly to enquiries from its customers, Integrated Care Boards, and their Members of Parliament; and calls on the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to invite AJM Healthcare to answer to all concerned hon. Members for its failures in providing essential wheelchair services.

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**741 Marking World Cancer Day 2025**Tabled: **4/02/25** Signatories: **27**

**Helen Maguire**  
**Ian Roome**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Steve Darling**  
**Dr Roz Savage**  
**Claire Young**

John McDonnell

That this House marks World Cancer Day on 4 February 2025 and acknowledges the profound impact cancer has on individuals, families, and friends across the UK; recognises the courage and resilience of those living with cancer and the immeasurable support provided by loved ones; further recognises those who have sadly lost their lives to cancer and the lasting impact on their families and communities; expresses gratitude to the dedicated healthcare

professionals, researchers, carers and volunteers who work tirelessly in cancer diagnosis, treatment and care; commends the ongoing efforts to improve early detection, treatment options and patient outcomes; and urges the Government to reaffirm its commitment to reducing cancer inequalities and improving support for those impacted by this disease.

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**744      Electric vehicle charging costs**

Tabled: **4/02/25**      Signatories: **26**

**Claire Young**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Dr Roz Savage**  
**Adam Dance**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Tom Morrison**

John McDonnell

That this House notes the growing number of electric vehicles on UK roads; is concerned that the current charging infrastructure is inadequate; recognises that helping people transition to owning an electric vehicle supports our Net Zero ambitions; further notes that making charging facilities available is key to ensuring people can make the switch to owning an electric vehicle; recognises that those in flats and shared buildings in particular are affected by a lack of at home charging; appreciates that being unable to charge your vehicle at home leaves people reliant on public charging points; is concerned about the cost to consumers if they have to rely solely on commercial charging; and calls on the Government to do more to reduce the cost of charging and to support the rollout of electric vehicle charging points, including reviewing the current planning framework to ensure new build homes are outfitted to support at home charging.

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**749      Hospital maintenance**

Tabled: **4/02/25**      Signatories: **31**

**Helen Morgan**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Alison Bennett**  
**Dr Danny Chambers**  
**Ian Roome**  
**Wera Hobhouse**

Shockat Adam

That this House notes the appalling state of repair of NHS hospitals across the country; notes that the NHS maintenance backlog has reached £13.8bn; further notes that decaying and inadequate facilities threaten the safety of patients and staff; believes it is an outrage that overcrowded hospitals must close operating theatres because they are no longer fit for use; regrets the last Conservative government's record of starved repair budgets and exploding

maintenance backlogs, which made sewage leaks, cracked walls, crumbling ceilings, and sinking floors commonplace; further regrets that patients have suffered a double betrayal on the New Hospital Programme, of broken promises under the last Conservative government and of dither and delay under this government; also regrets the cost to the NHS of papering over the cracks and keeping hospitals running past their natural lifespan; calls on the government to ensure no one is treated in broken, uncomfortable and unsafe facilities; and further calls on the government to reverse their delay and urgently deliver the new hospitals that patients have long been promised.

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**750      Healthcare in Winchester**

Tabled: **4/02/25**      Signatories: **9**

**Dr Danny Chambers**

**Dr Roz Savage**

**Jim Shannon**

**Helen Maguire**

**Mr Angus MacDonald**

**Liz Jarvis**

John McDonnell

That this House expresses deep concern over the ongoing crisis in healthcare provision in Winchester, including the two declarations of critical incidents at Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester this winter; notes with alarm that a primary cause of hospital overcrowding is the lack of social care packages available from the Conservative-run Hampshire County Council, preventing patients from being discharged and freeing up vital hospital beds; condemns the years of cuts and neglect to both health and local services by the previous government, including the repeated broken promises of delivering a new hospital in Hampshire despite the lack of available funding; is dismayed by the announcement that the New Hospitals Programme for Hampshire will be delayed by another decade until between 2037 and 2039, failing to deliver the investment urgently needed in Winchester for the provision of A&E services and building improvements; recognises the tireless efforts of healthcare professionals who continue to work under immense strain; calls on the Government to release a full impact assessment of how the delays to the New Hospital Programme will affect patients and NHS staff; and urges immediate action to provide the necessary resources to improve hospital facilities in Winchester, including more support for NHS staff, increased funding for building maintenance and more social care packages.

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**751 Drug-resistant superbugs**Tabled: **4/02/25** Signatories: **24****Dr Danny Chambers****Ian Roome****Dr Roz Savage****Steve Darling****Adam Dance****Jess Brown-Fuller**

John McDonnell

That this House recognises the urgent and growing challenge posed by drug-resistant superbugs emerging from the conflict in Ukraine and elsewhere, which have significantly impacted patient treatment and healthcare systems across Europe; acknowledges the severity of injuries sustained in the war and the subsequent need for medical care across multiple European nations, having at times left doctors and patients with no viable antibiotic options for life- and limb-threatening infections; notes that the UK has extensive experience in tackling antimicrobial resistance and that UK scientists have demonstrated how these superbugs can affect hospitals in the UK, leading to critical disruptions in surgical theatres and high-dependency units; further notes the UK's long-standing leadership in the discovery of antibiotics, investment in research, and development of rapid, cost-effective testing to combat such infections; welcomes the signing of the 100 Year Partnership between the UK and Ukraine in January this year and the opportunity it presents to improve infection control in hospitals, and enhance access to new diagnostic tests and antibiotic treatments to combat these infections; and calls on the Government to prioritise collaboration with Ukrainian healthcare professionals and our European partners to combat the spread of drug-resistant infections, ensuring that both Ukrainian and UK hospitals are better equipped with the necessary situational awareness/knowledge, tools, expertise, and antibiotics to safeguard public health.

**753 LGBT+ History Month 2025**Tabled: **4/02/25** Signatories: **37****Christine Jardine****Steve Darling****Dr Roz Savage****Claire Young****Adam Dance****Jess Brown-Fuller**

John McDonnell

That this House celebrates February as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) History Month 2025; recognises that this year's theme is activism and social change, highlighting the contributions of LGBT+ people who helped advance society for all; notes that LGBT+ History Month can facilitate conversations around the continuing struggle for LGBT+ rights; regrets that there are a growing number of anti-LGBT+ laws in place across the world in nations including



Russia, Hungary and Uganda; acknowledges the progress made for LGBT+ rights in the UK, but regrets that many inequalities still persist; notes with concern that nearly two-thirds of LGBT+ people in the UK have experienced violence or abuse; welcomes the Government's announcement of a draft Bill to ban conversion practices; and calls on all Rt hon. and hon. Members of this House to work together to tackle discrimination and achieve equality for all LGBT+ people.

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**755 EWS1 forms and market disruption**

Tabled: **5/02/25** Signatories: **10**

**Dr Al Pinkerton**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Martin Wrigley**  
**Zöe Franklin**  
**Calum Miller**

John McDonnell

That this House expresses deep concern over the systemic failures of the EWS1 assessment process, which have left thousands of leaseholders in financial limbo; notes reports that Adam Kiziak, owner of Tri Fire Ltd, has been sanctioned for failing to hold adequate professional indemnity insurance, having undisclosed prohibitive exclusions, failing to meet professional competency standards and breaching the ethics code regarding accuracy and diligence; further notes that major lenders, including Nationwide, NatWest and HSBC, are now refusing his assessments, blocking property sales and causing financial distress; highlights the case of affected residents in Surrey Heath constituency and the broader national implications of this scandal; calls on the Government to launch an urgent fraud investigation, convene an emergency meeting with industry stakeholders to restore confidence in EWS1 assessments and commission an independent inquiry into regulatory failures; and urges immediate action to protect leaseholders from further injustice.

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**756 Injury on Duty Award Scheme**

Tabled: **5/02/25** Signatories: **26**

**Tom Morrison**  
**Ellie Chowns**  
**Adam Dance**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Zöe Franklin**  
**Jim Shannon**

John McDonnell

Luke Taylor

That this House acknowledges the inherent risks undertaken by police officers, firefighters, paramedics and other members of the emergency services in the line of duty; notes that

severe injuries sustained in the line of duty can prematurely end their careers; further notes with concern that current recognition for such sacrifices is insufficient as existing gallantry awards are seldom conferred due to stringent criteria; highlights the case of Cheadle resident Jane Notley, a dedicated police officer whose legs were crushed while protecting the public, leading to her medical discharge; commends the initiative by retired Sussex Police Officer Tom Curry, who has launched a campaign seeking official recognition for officers injured on duty, as detailed by the National Association of Retired Police Officers; supports the Fire and Rescue Services Association's campaign advocating for medal recognition for all emergency service workers who are severely injured and medically retired from service; and calls on the Government to establish an official Injury on Duty Award Scheme to honour and acknowledge the sacrifices of these brave individuals.

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**759 School absences**Tabled: **5/02/25** Signatories: **5**

**Mr Lee Dillon**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Liz Jarvis**  
**John McDonnell**

That this House notes with concern the impact of low school attendance on pupils' futures; acknowledges the significant effect of covid-19 on overall absence rates, which have increased by 57% since 2015; further notes with alarm that 26.5% of secondary school pupils in West Berkshire were persistently absent in 2023; recognises the detrimental consequences of high absence rates on children's educational achievements and future opportunities; calls on the Government to prioritise addressing the underlying causes of poor attendance, including the role of poor mental health; and urges the Government to take action to reduce inequalities in school attendance across different socioeconomic groups.

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**763 US proposals for Gaza**Tabled: **5/02/25** Signatories: **74**

**Calum Miller**  
**Monica Harding**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**James MacCleary**  
**Layla Moran**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**

John McDonnell

That this House believes that President Trump's proposals for Gaza are dangerously irresponsible; recognises the need to uphold the rights and security of all citizens in Israel and Palestine; notes with concern that President Trump's approach demonstrates total disregard

for the rights and aspirations of the Palestinian people; acknowledges the immense suffering that Palestinians have endured for so long; warns that President Trump's statements will only deepen fear and uncertainty in Palestinians' lives; stresses the importance of maintaining the current ceasefire as a foundation for lasting peace and stability in the Middle East; calls on the UK Government to condemn President Trump's proposals as both wrong and in violation of international law; and urges the UK to take this moment to immediately recognise Palestine as a state on 1967 Lines and accordingly advance a two-state solution.

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**765 Children's Mental Health Week**

Tabled: **5/02/25** Signatories: **34**

**Christine Jardine**  
**Ellie Chowns**  
**Dr Roz Savage**  
**Adam Dance**  
**Steff Aquarone**  
**Ian Sollom**

John McDonnell

That this House celebrates Children's Mental Health Week 2025, running from 3 to 9 February; notes with concern that 50% of children and young people with lifetime mental health problems first experience symptoms by the age of 14; further notes that this year's theme is Know Yourself, Grow Yourself, which is aimed at encouraging children and young people to use self-awareness to understand and regulate their emotions; acknowledges the positive impact of this approach on building resilience, developing healthy relationships, and avoiding self-destructive behaviours; also notes the positive impact this support can have on young people experiencing difficult life events such as bereavement; and calls on the Government to introduce a dedicated mental health professional in every school to make this vital support more accessible to every child.

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**766 Pathway Project 32 year anniversary**

Tabled: **5/02/25** Signatories: **4**

**Dave Robertson**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**John McDonnell**

That this House congratulates Pathway Project for 32 years of vital work supporting survivors of domestic and sexual abuse in Staffordshire; recognises that, in that period, Pathway Project has helped more than 25,000 people, and in the past year alone provided almost 6,000 hours of support and received 3,500 calls to its helpline; further recognises the transformational impact that Pathway Project's work can have on survivors, who have referred to the organisation as

the place that gave them back their life; and hopes that the charity will continue to support all those who need its help for many years to come.

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**767 Elliot Holmes Memorial Fund**

Tabled: **5/02/25** Signatories: **5**

**Dr Lauren Sullivan**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Tristan Osborne**  
**John McDonnell**

That this House commends the invaluable work of the Elliot Holmes Memorial Fund, a Community Interest Company based in Gravesham, focused on providing direct access to mental health counselling for young people locally; notes that the Memorial Fund was set up by Kerry Holmes and her husband, Peter Scutts, after the tragic loss of her 19 year old son Elliot to suicide in 2020; recognises the Memorial Fund for their work in referring and funding 341 young people in Gravesham to counselling services since 2022, including 24 young people already referred so far in 2025; further recognises their impact in bettering access to critical mental health support for young people in Gravesham; and also recognises the need for services like those funded by the Elliot Holmes Memorial Fund across the country to provide timely, effective mental health intervention at the point of need to prevent further tragic losses of young people.

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**768 Safety regulations for large-scale battery storage facilities**

Tabled: **5/02/25** Signatories: **19**

**Charlotte Cane [R]**  
**Dr Roz Savage**  
**Adam Dance**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Anna Sabine**  
**Pippa Heylings**

Richard Foord  
Luke Taylor

Brian Mathew

John McDonnell

That this House notes the increasing reliance on battery storage facilities, particularly lithium-ion technologies, to support renewable energy projects and grid stability; acknowledges the concerns raised by residents and emergency services in Ely and East Cambridgeshire regarding the safety implications of such sites; calls for such concerns to be recognised during the consideration of the planned Sunnica Energy Farm; recognises the risks posed by thermal runaway events, including fires, explosions, and the release of toxic gases; expresses alarm at the potential for soil and water contamination from firefighting runoff and chemical leaks; believes that the current regulatory framework governing battery storage safety is inadequate; calls on the Government to urgently review and update regulations to ensure robust safety

standards for large-scale battery storage facilities, including clear guidance on site location, emergency response protocols, and environmental protection measures; and urges the Government to provide clarity on which department holds responsibility for these regulations, along with a timeline for their implementation, to ensure these facilities can contribute to greater renewable energy infrastructure and net zero targets while also safeguarding public safety.

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**771 Responders to Storm Éowyn**

Tabled: **6/02/25** Signatories: **6**

**Carla Lockhart**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Tonia Antoniazzi**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Andrew Rosindell**  
**John McDonnell**

That this House expresses its deep gratitude to all those who stepped up in the aftermath of Storm Éowyn, demonstrating remarkable resilience, dedication, and community spirit; recognises the extraordinary efforts of Northern Ireland Electricity engineers, call handlers, and all utility workers who worked around the clock to restore power and assist those affected; commends the response of individuals, community groups, and businesses who provided hot meals, charging facilities, washing facilities, and warm spaces to those in need; acknowledges the emergency responders and statutory authorities for their swift action in ensuring public safety; pays tribute to the farmers who helped clear roads and supported their communities; welcomes the £1 million financial assistance package from the Minister for Communities, Gordon Lyons MLA, to aid those impacted; and thanks the UK Government for its role in securing mutual aid, ensuring that helicopters, generators, batteries, and additional engineers were swiftly deployed to support recovery efforts upon request from the NI Executive.

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**776 Female football boots**

Tabled: **10/02/25** Signatories: **21**

**Helen Maguire**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Anna Sabine**  
**Ben Maguire**  
**Liz Jarvis**

John McDonnell

That this House recognises the growing participation of women and girls in football and the need for better accessibility to appropriate footwear; notes with concern that while female football boots can be purchased online from major retailers, there is often a very restricted

range and a general absence from high street stores; highlights that many high street shops do not stock football boots specifically designed for women or men's boots in sizes below size 6, making it difficult for women with smaller feet to find suitable options; acknowledges the physiological differences between male and female players and the importance of properly designed footwear to provide adequate support and performance; believes that women and girls should have the same ease of access to football boots as their male counterparts; and calls on retailers and manufacturers to improve the availability of football boots in stores to ensure all players can access appropriate footwear regardless of their size and sex.

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**778 Blue Flag status for rivers**

Tabled: **10/02/25** Signatories: **20**

**Victoria Collins**  
**Ayoub Khan**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Neil Duncan-Jordan**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Helen Maguire**

John McDonnell

That this House calls for a new Blue Flag status for rivers and chalk streams; notes that as globally rare and ecologically unique habitats, chalk streams are not only ripe contenders for the attribution of the status but fundamentally require the formal recognition for their survival, especially given the persistent sewage dumping scandals and good categorisation of only 14% of England's rivers; further notes the anticipated benefits of the Blue Flag status in advocating for enhanced responsibility and accountability from water companies, maintained via compliance checks and stringent environmental standards; and further calls on environmental champions to prioritise chalk streams, as pinnacles of biodiversity under threat, by raising awareness of the need for a new Blue Flag status.

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**780 Royal Mail's universal service obligation**

Tabled: **10/02/25** Signatories: **32**

**Anna Sabine**  
**Ayoub Khan**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Neil Duncan-Jordan**  
**Jim Shannon**

John McDonnell

That this House expresses its concern over Ofcom's proposed changes to Royal Mail's universal service obligation which would allow Royal Mail to alternate second-class deliveries, scrap second-class deliveries on Saturday and reduce delivery targets for first and second-class post;

acknowledges the importance of a reliable Royal Mail service for rural communities, the elderly, disabled and the vulnerable; laments that many households are not receiving an adequate level of postal and parcel service, often missing important post including medical appointments, prescriptions and bills; calls on the Government and Ofcom to work with Royal Mail to improve the quality of service, delivery targets and staff retention; and further acknowledges all the work that postal workers and deliverers do for the community.

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781      **NHS targets**

Tabled: **10/02/25**      Signatories: **33**

**Helen Morgan**

**Jess Brown-Fuller**

**Dr Danny Chambers**

**Alison Bennett**

**Ayoub Khan**

**Wera Hobhouse**

John McDonnell

Luke Taylor

That this House acknowledges the abject failure of the last Conservative Government to meet NHS targets; notes that this failure reflected devastating mismanagement which left hospitals crumbling, operations cancelled, pensioners treated on trolleys in corridors, and doctors and nurses at breaking point; further notes that our NHS was once the envy of the world; regrets that, rather than show ambition in this moment of crisis, the Labour Government has been slow to take the action required to reach basic standards of diagnosis, treatment and waiting times; expresses alarm that the dropping of targets has seen community services, mental health, dementia, women's health and other areas of care deprioritised; further regrets that many patients will suffer as a result; believes the Government has not lived up to its promises on prevention and care in the community; calls on the Government to be more ambitious for our NHS, and reinstate the slashed targets; further calls on the Government to fix the crisis at both the front door and the back door of the NHS by investing in public health and early access to community services so fewer people need to go to hospital in the first place, and to fix the crisis in social care which sees so many people stuck in hospital beds or unable to cope; and further believes patients in this country deserve nothing less than a first class health service which delivers the highest standards of care whenever they need it.

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**782 Coroner's finding on SAS soldiers**Tabled: **11/02/25** Signatories: **7**

**Jim Allister**  
**Robin Swann**  
**Alex Easton**  
**Charlie Dewhirst**  
**Bob Blackman**  
**Andrew Rosindell**

Sir Desmond Swayne

That this House notes the coroner's ruling in the case involving the death of four fully armed IRA terrorists who had launched a murderous attack on a police station; thanks the SAS for their courageous service in tackling terrorism in Northern Ireland; further notes the utilisation of the coronial service and lawfare to vilify the security forces; and calls on the Government to stand up for those who risked their lives to defeat terrorism.

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**783 National Heart Month**Tabled: **11/02/25** Signatories: **12**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Ayoub Khan**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Ellie Chowns**  
**Ben Lake**

John McDonnell

That this House recognises the importance of National Heart Month in the UK, celebrated in February each year and hosted by the British Heart Foundation; notes that this campaign raises awareness of heart-related health conditions, and promotes healthy living habits to help reduce the risk of heart diseases; highlights that around 7.6 million people in the UK have a heart or circulatory disease, including coronary heart disease, heart failure, stroke, and vascular dementia; further notes that in the UK someone dies from a heart or circulatory condition every 3 minutes and that there are things we can do to improve outcomes, such as learning CPR, donating to the many charities or attending fundraisers; thanks the British Heart Foundation and other charities for the incredible work they do to support those with heart diseases; and recognises that we can all play a role in raising awareness of this campaign.

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**785 Military sexual trauma**Tabled: **11/02/25** Signatories: **11****Cameron Thomas****Ayoub Khan****Helen Maguire****Ian Roome****Jess Brown-Fuller****Christine Jardine**

John McDonnell

That this House notes that military sexual trauma refers to rape, sexual assault or sexual harassment experienced during military service; further notes that it is distinct owing to the self-contained nature of military life, the unique pressures of military training environments and operational theatres, professional and social hierarchical structures and loyalty to the service; also notes that these, amongst other factors, may leave personnel and family members uniquely vulnerable to manipulation and exploitation, cut off from regular avenues of support and unable to create distance between themselves and the perpetrators; and believes that the Ministry of Defence has a duty to (a) recognise military sexual trauma and its unique contributory factors, (b) take appropriate steps to safeguard those vulnerable to manipulation and exploitation, (c) support victims and (d) take action against perpetrators.

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**788 Child poverty in the West Midlands**Tabled: **11/02/25** Signatories: **6****Ayoub Khan****Shockat Adam****Iqbal Mohamed****Ellie Chowns****Jim Shannon****John McDonnell**

That this House expresses deep concern for the rise in child poverty rates throughout the West Midlands; regrets that, according to research conducted by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF), 38.5% of children in the region live in poverty, with the West Midlands constituting the only region throughout the UK that has seen poverty rates increase since the mid-1990s; is further concerned by JRF's projections that the child poverty rate is highly unlikely to fall by 2029; and urges the Government to collaborate with local and combined authorities, charitable organisations and private entities to develop a targeted strategy for reducing child poverty in the West Midlands.

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**793 Funding for the BBC World Service**Tabled: **12/02/25** Signatories: **13****Rebecca Long Bailey****Ellie Chowns****Kim Johnson****Andy McDonald****Brian Leishman****Mary Kelly Foy**

Ian Byrne

That this House celebrates the value of BBC World Service journalism as a vital source of accurate and impartial information to audiences across the globe; believes that this role has never been more important, especially given the extent of misinformation and disinformation across social media; notes the critical importance of emergency information services provided to those in crisis, including recently in Gaza, Sudan and Ukraine; welcomes the additional £32.6 million in funding for 2025/26 announced last year, but regrets that the decision of the previous government to transfer responsibility for the funding of BBC World Service from the government to the licence fee payer in 2014 has undermined the financial security and possibility of strategic investment into World Service; further regrets the recent announcement of a net loss of 130 jobs across BBC World Service owing to budget pressures and shares the fears of the National Union of Journalists that further cuts will inevitably lead to the erosion in capacity for trusted high-quality journalism; and therefore concurs with the proposal of three select committee Chairs who have written to Ministers suggesting that in order to stem decline in the World Service provision, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and the Department of Culture, Media and Sport should jointly make the case to HM Treasury in the forthcoming Spending Review to use this opportunity to rebalance the relative contributions from the licence fee and FCDO, so that the World Service income becomes less reliant on the licence fee.

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**795 Local Government**Tabled: **12/02/25** Signatories: **20**

**Mrs Kemi Badenoch**  
**Kevin Hollinrake**  
**Rebecca Harris**  
**Paul Holmes**  
**David Simmonds**  
**Lewis Cocking**

Sir Desmond Swayne  
Damian Hinds  
Gregory Stafford

Gareth Bacon  
Helen Whately

Mr Louie French  
Joe Robertson

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Local Authorities (Changes to Years of Ordinary Elections) (England) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 137), dated 10 February 2025, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11 February 2025, be annulled.

**796 Emergency Palestinian Family Visa Scheme**Tabled: **12/02/25** Signatories: **11**

**Ayoub Khan**  
**Shockat Adam**  
**Ellie Chowns**  
**Iqbal Mohamed**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**

John McDonnell

That this House calls upon the Government to urgently establish an Emergency Palestinian Family Visa Scheme, modelled after the successful Ukrainian visa programme, to ensure swift and safe passage for Palestinian nationals with family ties in the United Kingdom; recognises the humanitarian crisis continuing to be faced by many Palestinians; believes that it is imperative that the UK underscores its commitment to humanitarian aid and support for those affected by conflict by facilitating their ability to reunite with families already residing in Britain; further believes that the proposed scheme should prioritise expedited visa processes, permitting those eligible to seek refuge amidst their family members in the UK, thereby upholding the UK's longstanding tradition of providing sanctuary to those in dire need; notes the critical importance of this initiative, not only in alleviating the immediate suffering of individuals in conflict zones but also in affirming the UK's role as a compassionate and responsive global actor, consistent with the UK's international human rights obligations and community values; and calls for immediate action by the Home Office to draft the necessary regulations, allocate resources, and collaborate with relevant non-governmental organisations to ensure the efficient and ethical implementation of this scheme, providing succour and hope to Palestinian families in this troubling time.

**798 Leasehold reform**Tabled: **12/02/25** Signatories: **14**

**Gideon Amos**  
**Ayoub Khan**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Adam Dance**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Jim Shannon**

John McDonnell

Liz Jarvis

Luke Taylor

That this House believes reform to the leasehold system is long overdue; notes that Liberals and Liberal Democrats have campaigned to end leasehold since the reforms David Lloyd George laid down in the People's Budget 1909; regrets that the Conservatives in government failed to protect leaseholders from dangerous cladding or ban leaseholds; further notes that leaseholders make up over 20% of the housing stock in England which suffer from poorly regulated management charges and uncapped ground rents; recognises that many leaseholders have faced large service charge increases, including an 11% rise during 2024; understands with concern that increases in service charge have left many leaseholders trapped in their properties and unable to sell; also notes that some freeholders face similar charges through unmanaged and unregulated estate management fees; is therefore deeply concerned that the Government has so far failed to honour its manifesto commitment by further delaying leasehold reform; asks the Government to urgently provide leaseholders with management rights to protect them from unregulated charges; and calls on the Government finally to abolish leasehold tenancies for all current and new residential properties.

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**799 Refusal of Citizenship to refugees who have made irregular crossings**Tabled: **13/02/25** Signatories: **52**

**Nadia Whittome**  
**Ms Diane Abbott**  
**Olivia Blake**  
**Abtisam Mohamed**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Clive Lewis**

Siân Berry

Shockat Adam

Steve Witherden

Jess Brown-Fuller

Luke Taylor

Monica Harding

Rachel Gilmour

That this House expresses deep concern over the refusal of citizenship to refugees who have made irregular crossings to the UK; notes that this policy further punishes individuals whose claims of fleeing war, persecution, and danger have been upheld by the asylum system; further notes that, due to a lack of alternative safe routes, many people are forced to make unsafe crossings in order to claim asylum in the first place; notes with concern that the refusal of

citizenship denies these same individuals security and a safe, permanent home; and urges the Government to reconsider this policy.

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**800      Launch of RM Media**

Tabled: **13/02/25**      Signatories: **5**

**Wendy Chamberlain**

**Tom Gordon**

**Helen Maguire**

**Dr Roz Savage**

**John McDonnell**

That this House welcomes the launch of RM Media by Horia Mosadiq and Nahid Baqi, two human rights activists and journalists, last week; notes that the media platform aims to reflect the realities of life in Afghanistan and provide a space for freedom of expression and human rights; recognises that the platform is committed to ethical and investigative journalism, as well as being a voice for the voiceless; and celebrates that the media outlet operates in English, Pashto and Persian, making it accessible to many, and also produces a radio podcast covering Afghanistan's cultural, social and human rights issues.

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**803      UAE imprisonment of Ryan Cornelius**

Tabled: **13/02/25**      Signatories: **5**

**Munira Wilson**

**Calum Miller**

**Helen Maguire**

**Ellie Chowns**

**John McDonnell**

That this House notes with concern that Ryan Cornelius, a British citizen, remains imprisoned in the United Arab Emirates, notwithstanding a finding by the United Nations that he has been arbitrarily detained, and notwithstanding a finding by the United Nations that Mr Cornelius should be immediately released and provided with compensation and other reparations in accordance with international law; calls upon the UAE government to release Mr Cornelius in accordance with international law; further calls upon the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs to secure the release of Mr Cornelius; and asks the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs to raise this matter with his Emirati counterpart.

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**804 Prostate cancer screening and men's health support**Tabled: **13/02/25** Signatories: **11****Manuela Perteghella****Tom Gordon****Helen Maguire****Ben Lake****Ellie Chowns****Ian Roome**

John McDonnell

Liz Jarvis

That this House acknowledges the vital work of the South Warwickshire Prostate Cancer Support Group in raising awareness of prostate cancer and supporting those affected; recognises the urgent need for a National Prostate Cancer Screening Programme to improve early detection and save lives; calls for enhanced GP training on PSA testing to ensure timely and accurate diagnoses; stresses the importance of greater mental health resources for men and their families coping with a prostate cancer diagnosis; further supports the Boys Need Bins campaign, advocating for sanitary bins in male toilets across public and private venues to improve hygiene and dignity for those managing medical and personal needs; and urges the Government to take immediate action to implement these crucial reforms to improve men's health and well-being across the UK.