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Early Day Motions tabled on Friday 25 April 2025

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New EDMs

1143 **ANZAC Day 2025**

Tabled: **25/04/25** Signatories: **2**

Andrew Rosindell

Adam Jogee

That this House solemnly marks the 110th anniversary of the landings at Anzac Cove on 25 April 1915; honours the extraordinary courage, resilience, and sacrifice of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps who, alongside British and other Allied forces, endured unimaginable hardship during the Gallipoli campaign; reflects on how that harrowing campaign, though marked by immense loss, became a defining moment in the emergence of modern national identities for both Australia and New Zealand; pays tribute to all those who gave their lives in defence of freedom and democratic values; celebrates the enduring bonds of friendship, shared history, and common values that unite the peoples of the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand, further strengthened by their shared Sovereign, His Majesty King Charles III; and expresses its gratitude to all those involved in organising the 2025 Anzac Day commemorations in London, including the services at Hyde Park Corner, The Cenotaph in Whitehall, and Westminster Abbey on Friday 25 April 2025.

1144 **Tartan Talkers**Tabled: **25/04/25** Signatories: **1****Richard Baker**

That this House recognises the tremendous achievements of Tartan Talkers, a charity founded following the tragic death of Scott Taylor, of Cowdenbeath, in 2022; acknowledges the vital support the charity provides to young men across Fife at risk of suicide through its peer-to-peer buddy system, which undoubtedly saves lives, as well the profound comfort Tartan Talkers provides families affected by suicide; further recognises the breadth of experience provided by the charity's remarkable volunteers; and calls on hon. and Rt hon. Members to continue to support measures which help raise awareness of, and help prevent, young male suicide.

1145 **National Stalking Awareness Week**Tabled: **25/04/25** Signatories: **2****Luke Taylor****Clive Jones**

That this House marks National Stalking Awareness Week; acknowledges the profound impact stalking has on victims' mental and physical health; notes that stalking is too often viewed solely as a criminal justice matter, when in fact it poses a serious and long-term public health challenge; recognises that many victims experience anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, and other health conditions as a result of persistent stalking; urges that healthcare professionals be trained to identify stalking behaviours, offer trauma-informed care, and follow the Recognise, Respond, Refer approach to ensure victims are connected with appropriate support services; calls on the Government and healthcare bodies to establish clear referral pathways to specialist organisations to improve early intervention and health outcomes; and highlights the importance of implementing anti-stalking policies in healthcare, public, and workplace settings to ensure the safety and wellbeing of staff and patients.

1146 **Bedfordshire Rheumatology team**Tabled: **25/04/25** Signatories: **1****Mohammad Yasin**

That this House celebrates the achievement of Bedfordshire Rheumatology team who have been recognized as one of three trusts nationally who have actively reduced the diagnostic delay in Axial Spondyloarthritis (Axial SpA); understands the impact of Axial SpA as an inflammatory condition of the spine and joints, which works silently, leaving people in increasing pain and exhaustion; and supports the aims of the Act on Axial SpA campaign to reduce the current UK average time between first symptom to diagnosis from eight and a half years to one year.

1147 Wadebridge FoodbankTabled: **25/04/25** Signatories: **2****Ben Maguire****Clive Jones**

That this House congratulates Wadebridge Foodbank for receiving The King's Award for Voluntary Service; recognises the vital contribution of the Foodbank's volunteers who collectively give their time to support individuals and families in Wadebridge, Bodmin, Camelford, Padstow, and the surrounding areas; acknowledges the Foodbank's dedication to providing food and essential items alongside financial health checks and emotional support; and further congratulates the volunteers and staff on this outstanding achievement which highlights the transformative impact of community support in Cornwall.

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.

1050 Israeli Defence Force attacks on humanitarian workersTabled: **2/04/25** Signatories: **64****Tom Morrison****Layla Moran****Helen Maguire****Adam Dance****Ben Lake****Liz Saville Roberts**

Dr Danny Chambers

That this House is deeply shocked by the killing of 15 paramedic and rescue workers in Gaza, whose bodies were discovered handcuffed in mass graves following an attack from the Israeli Defence Force; notes the statement by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Türk, condemning the attack and calling for an independent, prompt and thorough investigation into the deaths; recognises the essential and life-saving work carried out by humanitarian personnel, including those from the Palestine Red Crescent Society, Palestinian Civil Defence, and UNRWA, who came under fire while attempting to rescue their injured colleagues in Rafah on 23 March 2025; strongly condemns all attacks on humanitarian workers, which constitute a grave violation of international law; urges the UK Government to take immediate action by calling for an independent investigation, holding those responsible to account and ensuring the protection of humanitarian personnel in conflict zones; and asks the Government to put every effort into ensuring the unconditional and immediate release of hostages and the lifting of the Israeli government's illegal blockade of Gaza.

1060 Abduction of Ukrainian childrenTabled: **3/04/25** Signatories: **45**

Calum Miller
Monica Harding
Helen Maguire
Manuela Perteghella
Ian Roome
Tom Morrison

Dr Danny Chambers

That this House expresses its anger and revulsion at the abduction of over 30,000 Ukrainian children since the start of Russia's invasion; notes with disgust this tactic of the Russian Armed Forces, which threatens to rob Ukraine of its future; believes that these mass abductions authorised by President Putin constitute war crimes and crimes against humanity; calls for President Putin to be held accountable for these crimes and for the implementation of the outstanding International Criminal Court arrest warrant against him; supports wholeheartedly the work of the Bring Kids Back initiative and the Yale Humanitarian Research Lab (YHRL) to locate and bring home the abducted children; further notes with alarm that US Government funding for the YHRL will soon expire following the decision by President Trump to cease further funding for the programme; also notes with concern that the YHRL has only been given six weeks notice to prepare for the cessation of funding; urges the Government to commit to filling the funding gap for the YHRL, ensuring it can continue its vital work; and further urges the Government to seize the £25 billion of frozen Russia assets across the UK and to direct these to humanitarian, financial and military aid to Ukraine.

1084 Right to peaceful protest and freedom of assemblyTabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **14**

Lisa Smart
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon
Zöe Franklin
Sarah Dyke
Helen Maguire

Dr Danny Chambers

That this House recognises that the right to peaceful protest and freedom of assembly is a cornerstone of a free and democratic society and insists that it must be safeguarded; expresses serious concern over the wide-ranging draconian anti-protest powers introduced by the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 and the Public Order Act 2023 under the previous Government; acknowledges that the police already have the powers they need to stop what goes beyond a peaceful protest; and therefore calls on the Government to repeal the protest-

related provisions within these Acts and to reaffirm its commitment to civil liberties and the democratic right to protest.

1089 **Future of children's palliative care**

Tabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **17**

Mr Will Forster
Ian Roome
Wera Hobhouse
Jess Brown-Fuller
Jim Shannon
Zöe Franklin

Mary Glendon

Helen Morgan

That this House notes with concern the findings of the report entitled Built to Last? The State of Children's Palliative Care in 2025, published by Together for Short Lives; recognises that the report reveals a stark postcode lottery in access to high-quality palliative care for seriously ill children across England, particularly in relation to 24/7 end-of-life care at home; expresses alarm that only 19% of Integrated Care Boards currently commission this service on a formal basis; acknowledges that this disparity is driven by workforce shortages, a lack of accountability among NHS bodies and councils and a significant funding shortfall projected to rise to £310 million by 2025-26; welcomes the vital services provided by organisations such as Shooting Star Children's Hospices in Surrey Heartlands and surrounding areas; and calls on the Government to urgently implement the recommendations of the report by reviewing the funding and planning of children's palliative care, investing in paediatric nursing bursaries and specialist consultant training, holding Integrated Care Boards and local authorities to account for delivering on existing policy, and committing to a sustainable, long-term funding model for children's hospices, including the continuation of ringfenced, centrally distributed funding beyond 2025-26.

1090 **Introduction of the Hillsborough Law and the 36th anniversary**

Tabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **35**

Tom Morrison
Jess Brown-Fuller
Jim Shannon
Sarah Dyke
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Vikki Slade

Anna Sabine
David Chadwick

Freddie van Mierlo

Dr Danny Chambers

That this House supports the urgent introduction of the Hillsborough Law to ensure justice, transparency and accountability in public inquiries and inquests; recognises the tireless

campaigning of the Hillsborough families and survivors, who have fought for over three decades for the truth to be acknowledged and for meaningful reform; notes that the Hillsborough Law would enshrine a statutory duty of candour on public authorities and officials, ensuring they act with honesty and integrity during investigations and would provide bereaved families with parity of legal representation during inquests; further notes with concern that, despite a commitment made by the Prime Minister in September 2024 that the law would be introduced before the 36th anniversary of the tragedy on 15 April 2025, this deadline was unfortunately missed; believes that this delay risks further undermining trust in the system and prolonging the pain of those affected; and calls on the Government to honour its promise by bringing forward and implementing the Hillsborough Law in full, without dilution, as a lasting legacy of justice and reform in memory of the 97 lives lost at Hillsborough.

1107 **St George's Day 2025**

Tabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **18**

Adam Jogee

Leigh Ingham

David Williams

Dave Robertson

Dr Allison Gardner

Mr Luke Charters

Andrew Rosindell

That this House joins the people of England in celebrating St. George's Day on 23 April 2025; understands the significance of England's national day to many people throughout the world; acknowledges the important role that England and her people play in strengthening the bonds of solidarity across the United Kingdom; welcomes the opportunity to celebrate England's patron saint and all that is great about England not least its history, identity, cultures and traditions; notes the application from the Hon. Members for Newcastle-under-Lyme and Buckingham and Bletchley to the Backbench Business Committee for a debate to mark St George's Day 2025 and English Affairs and looks forward to the debate taking place at the earliest opportunity; encourages schools and their leaders in counties, cities, towns and villages across England to give our young people the chance to engage with and enjoy this day; and gives thanks for the leadership role that England, and the United Kingdom, plays on the world stage and reaffirms its commitment to preserving, celebrating and cherishing England's green and pleasant lands, and her people, this year and all years.

1109 70th anniversary of First Comber Presbyterian Church Girls BrigadeTabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **2****Jim Shannon****Mary Glindon**

That this House notes the 70th anniversary of First Comber Presbyterian Church Girls Brigade; highlights that this milestone was marked with a tea party, where memorabilia from over the years was on display and that it was attended by past and present members and officers; further notes that The Girls' Brigade at First Comber currently has over 100 young members aged 3 to 18 and meets every Tuesday evening; underlines the benefits of Girls Brigades in Northern Ireland where they are pivotal in teaching young girls important skills that are needed for development and that their motto is to "Serve, Seek, And Follow Christ"; wishes First Comber Presbyterian Church Girls Brigade all the very best for the future; and congratulates the girls on such a wonderful display.

1111 Anniversary of the death of Stephen LawrenceTabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **6****Shockat Adam****Jim Shannon****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Ayoub Khan****Andrew George****Clive Jones**

That this House honours the memory of Stephen Lawrence, who was tragically murdered in a racist attack at the age of 18 on 22 April 1993; remembers Stephen as a bright, ambitious young man with aspirations of becoming an architect; recognises the profound tragedy of his murder and the long and painful struggle for justice that followed; honours the unwavering courage of Stephen's family, particularly Baroness Doreen Lawrence, whose tireless campaign for justice exposed institutional racism within the Metropolitan Police and led to lasting reforms in policing, equalities legislation and public accountability; praises the work of the Stephen Lawrence Research Centre at De Montfort University for its contributions to social justice, and for being a leading voice in conversations on race and identity and challenging structural inequalities; and calls on the Government to commit to tackling systemic racism which continues to impact Black communities.

1112 The death of His Holiness Pope FrancisTabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **5****Adam Jogee****Bell Ribeiro-Addy****Clive Jones****Andrew Rosindell****Mary Glendon**

That this House notes with deep sadness the death of the Holy Father, His Holiness Pope Francis, on Easter Monday, 21 April 2025; gives thanks for his life of service to the Catholic Church, his loyalty to the teachings of Jesus Christ and compassion for those most in need right across the world; and stands in solidarity and sympathy with the Catholic community in Newcastle-under-Lyme and up and down the United Kingdom who mourn his passing and expresses its wish that Pope Francis rests in eternal peace.

1116 Sentencing Guidelines and pre-sentence reportsTabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **19****Josh Babarinde****Clive Jones****Wera Hobhouse****Martin Wrigley****Jess Brown-Fuller****Zöe Franklin****Dr Danny Chambers**

That this House recognises that everyone should be treated equally under the law; further recognises the vital role pre-sentence reports (PSRs) play in providing courts with the information they need to make informed sentencing decisions that keep our communities safe while aiming to rehabilitate offenders; believes that the equal application of justice is a fundamental principle of a fair society; expresses concern that the use of PSRs has declined sharply by 44% between 2013 and 2023; notes with concern that the Probation Service has been left overstretched and under-resourced, making it difficult to consistently deliver high-quality PSRs; acknowledges the importance of addressing disproportionality that sees ethnic minority communities over-represented in the criminal justice system, including by fully implementing the recommendations of the Lammy and Angiolini Reviews; and calls on the Government to restore public confidence and ensure everyone is treated equally under the law by taking steps to make PSRs consistently available and bringing forward a Royal Commission on Sentencing to restore public confidence and guide evidence-based reforms.

1123 Close season for hare shootingTabled: **23/04/25** Signatories: **3****Ruth Jones****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Mary Glindon**

That this House notes with concern the ongoing absence of a statutory close season for the shooting of hares in England and Wales, despite their status as a priority species under the UK Biodiversity Action Plan; recognises that this lack of protection allows hares to be shot during their breeding season, leading to the orphaning of dependent leverets, compromising the welfare of lactating does and having a detrimental impact on local populations; further notes that brown hare numbers have declined significantly over the past century due to changes in agricultural practices, habitat loss, and persecution such as coursing made illegal under the Hunting Act 2004; acknowledges that Scotland and Northern Ireland have already implemented close seasons for hares; and therefore calls on the Government to introduce a statutory close season for the shooting of hares in England and Wales, in line with modern wildlife management principles and animal welfare standards, to ensure the recovery and long-term survival of this iconic species.

1126 Immigration application fees for young adults and childrenTabled: **23/04/25** Signatories: **13****Tim Farron****Adam Dance****Jim Shannon****Wera Hobhouse****Wendy Chamberlain****Tom Gordon**

Mary Glindon

Dr Danny Chambers

That this House expresses deep concern over the current cost of visa application fees, particularly the lack of a fee waiver for indefinite leave to remain (ILR); notes that in June 2022, the previous Government changed the immigration rules for young adults and children to shorten the settlement route for young migrants on the private life route, making them eligible for settlement after five years of temporary status; further notes that, since then, limited leave to remain application fees having risen by 47% since 2022 to £3,845, making them increasingly unaffordable and pushing young people and families into financial hardship with risk of losing their lawful status; recognises that the absence of a fee waiver for those unable to afford ILR has a profound impact on young people who have grown up in the UK and are eligible, leading to severe financial and mental health challenges, and no hope of permanent status, simply because of the lack of fee waiver; and urges the Government to conduct a full review of the impact of current visa fees on young migrants and children and to extend fee waivers to ILR

applications on the private life route to enable these young adults and children to secure their future and fully participate in the society they call home.

1128 **Death of Pope Francis**

Tabled: **23/04/25** Signatories: **28**

Ian Byrne
Rebecca Long Bailey
Richard Burgon
John McDonnell
Zarah Sultana
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Mary Glindon

That this House expresses its sadness at the death of the Vicar of Christ, Pope Francis, affectionately known as the People's Pope; offers its condolences to Catholic people in Britain and across the world; notes that Pope Francis was the first Latin American pontiff; pays tribute to Pope Francis for his work to promote interfaith collaboration, harmony and solidarity; commends Pope Francis for championing the oppressed, marginalised and demonised, particularly his support for migrant rights, as shown by the first trip of his pontificate outside of Rome, where he visited migrants on the island of Lampedusa; further commends Pope Francis for his powerful denunciations of poverty, inequality, and unfettered markets; praises Pope Francis for having been a leading voice for justice and peace, including using his final public address to call for a ceasefire in Gaza, as well as his daily check-ins with Catholic Palestinians in Gaza; further expresses its view that the world is a poorer place without Pope Francis' moral leadership and courage; expresses its hope that Pope Francis' legacy will live long into the future; and trusts that he may rest in peace.

1129 **Great British Beef Week 2025**

Tabled: **23/04/25** Signatories: **7**

Mr Alistair Carmichael [R]
Adam Dance
Jim Shannon
Ian Roome
Martin Wrigley
Clive Jones

Mary Glindon

That this House recognises Great British Beef Week (GBBW) from 23 April to 30 April 2025, a nationwide campaign which celebrates the exceptional taste of British beef and which highlights the hard work and dedication of the farmers who produce it; notes that GBBW is now in its 15th year; congratulates Ladies in Beef who founded the campaign which is now supported by farming unions and a wide range of other British food producer groups; further notes that

British beef is produced to globally high standards and that this should be celebrated and supported; calls on the Government to embrace these standards and not to undercut British beef farmers in any future trade agreements; and wishes the organisers of Great British Beef Week all the best in their work this year and into the future.

1132 UK parliamentarians sanctioned by the Russian Federation

Tabled: **23/04/25** Signatories: **22**

Tom Gordon
Claire Young
Vikki Slade
Charlotte Cane
Richard Foord
Edward Morello

Helen Morgan

That this House unequivocally supports those hon. and Rt hon. Members and Peers targeted by the Russian Federation in the latest round of retaliatory sanctions announced on 23 April 2025; condemns the Russian Government's continued attempts to stifle international criticism and accountability for its illegal and unjustified invasion of Ukraine; rejects the Russian Foreign Ministry's inflammatory rhetoric and baseless accusations against UK parliamentarians; reaffirms the right and duty of hon. and Rt hon. Members and Peers to speak out in defence of human rights, international law, and the sovereignty of democratic nations; expresses solidarity with all those sanctioned for standing up against authoritarianism, including members from across the political spectrum; and calls on the Government to continue providing steadfast support to Ukraine, to stand with the Russian people who oppose the war, and to hold the Putin regime accountable for its actions.

1134 Viewpark and Bellshill Community Alcohol Partnership

Tabled: **23/04/25** Signatories: **3**

Frank McNally
Jim Shannon
Mary Glindon

That this House congratulates Viewpark and Bellshill Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) on being named Scotland's joint CAP of the Year at the recent CAP Awards ceremony in the Houses of Parliament; notes the strong programme of diversionary activities that it offers to young people and the wider community, including mountain biking lessons and community litter-picks; considers that the successes of the programme stem from its wide involvement of organisations in the community, including Police Scotland, Scotmid, Thorniewood Community Council, and North Lanarkshire Council; and hopes that the success of the Viewpark and Bellshill Community Alcohol Partnership will continue into the future.

1135 Sanctioning of UK Parliamentarians by RussiaTabled: **23/04/25** Signatories: **26****James MacCleary****Calum Miller****Vikki Slade****Claire Young****Adam Dance****Tom Morrison**

Mike Martin

That this House condemns the Russian Federation's decision to impose sanctions on Members of the UK Parliament, for standing up in support of Ukraine and in defence of democracy across Europe; notes that this action by the Kremlin is part of a wider pattern of intimidation and disinformation aimed at weakening democratic institutions and undermining international support for Ukraine; reaffirms the UK Parliament's cross-party commitment to holding Vladimir Putin's regime accountable for its illegal invasion of Ukraine, war crimes, and repeated violations of international law; further reaffirms its resolute commitment to support the defence of Ukraine with military, financial and humanitarian aid; and urges continued unity across all political parties in resisting authoritarian interference and defending the principles of sovereignty, freedom, and democracy on which European peace and security depend.

1136 Travel-related restrictions and haemoglobin tests for blood donationsTabled: **24/04/25** Signatories: **4****Bell Ribeiro-Addy****Mary Glindon****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Zarah Sultana**

That this House celebrates the opening of the new Brixton Blood Donation Centre, which has welcomed over 3,700 donors in its first three months of operation, including more than 1,000 first-time donors and 10 per cent identifying as Black; recognises this as a promising step towards improving the diversity of the donor pool; notes with concern that this progress remains insufficient in the face of rising demand for the Ro blood subtype commonly found in people of African descent, which is essential for treating sickle cell anaemia, the fastest-growing genetic condition in the UK, with usage increasing by 15 per cent annually; is aware that only 2 per cent of regular blood donors currently have the Ro subtype; further notes that many willing donors, particularly of African and Caribbean heritage, are being turned away due to travel deferral rules due to the presence of diseases which can be tested for and iron testing protocols that are not precise and reject a number of Black women from donating for low iron levels when a further test could be done; acknowledges the importance of maintaining a safe blood supply, but stresses that outdated and overly restrictive guidelines are excluding healthy donors and putting patients' lives at risk; and calls on the Government, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency and NHS Blood and Transplant to urgently review travel-related deferral policies and haemoglobin thresholds in line with the latest scientific

evidence and international practice, including the use of more accurate, population-sensitive testing methods.

1138 **Foster Care Fortnight**

Tabled: **24/04/25** Signatories: **2**

Jess Asato

Mary Glindon

That this House celebrates Foster Care Fortnight from May 12 to May 25 in its aim to raise awareness about fostering and highlight the transformative role of foster carers; recognises the importance of foster care for providing children who are unable to live with their families with a safe, stable and loving home; urges the Government to commit to a dedicated national foster care strategy to recruit more foster carers and improve commissioning processes to get children in the right home for them the first time; further urges Ministers to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of foster carers, including those approved for by both local authorities and independent fostering agencies, and to ensure they have continued access to the support, training and resources needed to provide the highest standard of care for vulnerable children; and encourages all hon. Members to promote Foster Care Fortnight and engage with their local authority and providers to raise awareness of the vital work they do.

1142 **Mass deportation of illegal migrants**

Tabled: **24/04/25** Signatories: **3**

Rupert Lowe

Jack Rankin

Jim Allister

That this House expresses grave concern at the continued presence of over one million illegal migrants in the United Kingdom; notes that illegal entry into the country represents a clear breach of national law and undermines the integrity of the UK's immigration system; further notes the considerable cost to the taxpayer in housing, processing and supporting individuals with no legal right to remain in the UK; recognises the growing public demand for decisive and consistent enforcement of immigration laws; and therefore urges the Government to implement a comprehensive national strategy to identify, detain, and deport all individuals found to be residing in the United Kingdom illegally, and to ensure that such policies are backed by the necessary legislative, diplomatic, logistical and financial resources to restore confidence in the rule of law and the security of our borders.