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New EDMs

1320 **10th anniversary of the Bay Cycle Way**

Tabled: **22/05/25** Signatories: **1**

Cat Smith

That this House congratulates the Morecambe Bay Partnership on the 10th anniversary of the Bay Cycle Way; commends the Partnership and Sustrans for their vision in creating the 81-mile route from Walney Island in Barrow-in-Furness to Glasson Dock in Lancaster; recognises the incredible success of the route in attracting over three million walkers and cyclists in the past year alone; welcomes the positive impact the path has had on local wellbeing, physical activity and tourism; supports the Partnership's efforts to raise £5,000 through a series of birthday fundraising challenges; and celebrates the Bay Cycle Way as a shining example of how connecting people with nature and heritage can enrich lives and communities across the North West.

1321 **UK-EU defence cooperation**

Tabled: **22/05/25** Signatories: **3**

Helen Maguire
Manuela Perteghella
Clive Jones

That this House welcomes the establishment of the UK-EU Security and Defence Partnership as an important step toward rebuilding structured cooperation on defence issues; recognises

the shared interest of both the UK and the EU in strengthening collective European security, particularly in light of Russian aggression in Ukraine and uncertainty around US President Trump's commitment to European defence; notes the potential for closer collaboration on military mobility, joint procurement and industrial capacity; further welcomes the Government's assertion that the agreement paves the way for UK defence firms to access the EU's proposed €150 billion SAFE fund; regrets the absence of concrete mechanisms or timelines for accessing this fund or for formal cooperation on defence industrial policy; expresses disappointment that the agreement only commits to exploring the possibility of an Administrative Arrangement with the European Defence Agency, rather than announcing one; believes that full UK participation in the EDA would strengthen both parties' ability to respond to shared security challenges; urges the Government to ensure that the forthcoming Strategic Defence Review recognises the vital role of UK-EU defence cooperation in our future collective security; and further urges the Government to move towards agreeing tangible, formal security and defence arrangements following the Reset Summit.

1322 **Recognising Action for Brain Injury Week 2025**

Tabled: **22/05/25** Signatories: **1**

Ian Byrne

That this House marks Action for Brain Injury Week 19 to 25 May 2025; commends this year's 'On a Good Day' campaign to show the fluctuating and unpredictable nature of brain injury, highlighting the gap between capabilities on a good day versus on a bad day; recognises Headway's, the brain injury association, survey of survivors and carers which found that fatigue, memory, anxiety and concentration are reported to be the most commonly fluctuating effects of brain injury; observes that factors that contribute to a good day include improved effects of brain injury, having a healthy lifestyle, routine and having control, the occurrence of positive events and socialising, and conversely factors that contribute to a bad day include struggling with the effects of brain injury, particularly fatigue, social pressures, changes in routine and lifestyle factors; notes the survey findings that 80% of survivors and 84% of carers feel low in mood on a survivor's bad day while 80% of survivors and 91% of carers feel good on a survivor's good day, demonstrating the fluctuating nature of brain injury; further recognises the impact fluctuating effects have on survivors including strains on relationships, challenges in work or education and withdrawal from social situations; calls for more understanding, empathy and compassion towards brain injury survivors across society; and welcomes the work of Headway charities and volunteer-led branches across the country with services including brain injury rehabilitation programmes, carer support, social re-integration, community outreach and respite care.

1323 King's Badge

Tabled: **22/05/25** Signatories: **1**

Brian Leishman

That this House congratulates Liam Differ on being awarded the Kings Badge for his remarkable contributions to the 1st Grangemouth Boys Brigade; notes that the King's Badge is the highest award that can be earned by a member of the Boys Brigade; further notes that the award is presented to those with skills in leadership, communication, outdoor skills, community engagement and more; acknowledges that this is not the first time that the Kings Badge has been awarded to Grangemouth Boys Brigade, but the first since 1952; and congratulates all the participants on a remarkable year of awards and achievements.

1324 Real Living Wage Campaign

Tabled: **22/05/25** Signatories: **1**

Ian Byrne

That this House supports the Living Wage campaign; notes that 4.5 million UK workers are currently paid below the real Living Wage; recognises that retail workers, cleaning staff and security are some of the lowest paid, which not only exacerbates income and wealth inequality in society but has a real impact on our economic growth; further recognises that some of the UK's biggest retailers such as Next, M&S and JD Sports, fail to provide all their workers with a real Living Wage; acknowledges that the aforementioned corporations may have policies in place but also outsource some services to other businesses which pay below the Living Wage; and also recognises that while the Employment Rights Bill brings forward essential employee protections, this must be supported by robust reporting and transparent disclosure mechanisms across all industries so that investors have a full and accurate picture to invest responsibly and confidently.

1325 Bijou Elgin awarded Scottish Gift Shop of the Year

Tabled: **22/05/25** Signatories: **1**

Graham Leadbitter

That this House congratulates Bijou Elgin on being awarded Scottish Gift Shop of the Year at the prestigious GREATS Awards in London; recognises that this accolade comes during a challenging period for many independent retailers, making the achievement particularly commendable; applauds the dedication, creativity and hard work of the team behind Bijou; celebrates the shop's commitment to providing exceptional customer service, offering thoughtfully curated gifts and cards, and delivering a distinctive shopping experience; notes with pride that Bijou is marking its 21st year in business; and regards this national recognition as a fitting and timely coming-of-age celebration for a much-loved local institution.

1326 **National Care Home Awards and Grantown-on-Spey**Tabled: **22/05/25** Signatories: **1****Graham Leadbitter**

That this House congratulates Parklands Care Homes, based in Grantown-on-Spey, on being awarded Best for Wellbeing at the 2025 National Care Home Awards; acknowledges the group's dedication to supporting the emotional and social needs of nearly 450 residents across its 12 facilities in the north of Scotland; commends initiatives such as the Keith Cares Club partnership between Glenisla and Weston View, Speyside's pop-up tea room, and the Carecast podcast series, which have been instrumental in reducing social isolation among residents; recognises the unwavering commitment of Parklands' staff in ensuring residents feel valued, included, and supported; and encourages continued innovation and excellence in the social care sector to enhance the wellbeing of older people across the UK.

1327 **Nature-Friendly Farming Week**Tabled: **22/05/25** Signatories: **3****Sarah Dyke****Manuela Perteghella****Clive Jones**

That this House celebrates Nature-Friendly Farming Week; acknowledges the important role farmers across the UK play in growing food, restoring habitats, protecting wildlife, and strengthening rural communities; congratulates the nature-friendly farming network on their work to expand and support nature-friendly farming in the UK; notes with concern that the abrupt closure of the Sustainable Farming Incentive scheme has meant that for the first time in 30 years there is no Government support for farmers wishing to move into organic farming; further notes with concern the impact that the family farm tax will have on nature-friendly farming as family businesses are broken up and sold; and calls on the Government to urgently reverse the family farm tax and invest an additional £1bn a year in the farming budget to protect the sustainable production of food.

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.

1223 **Rail ticket prices**Tabled: **8/05/25** Signatories: **8****Shockat Adam****Jeremy Corbyn****Ayoub Khan****Iqbal Mohamed****Jon Trickett****Ellie Chowns**

Carla Denyer

That this House notes with concern the continued increase in rail ticket prices across the UK; further notes that the cost of rail travel has become unaffordable for many people, placing an unfair burden on those who rely on public transport; recognises that high rail fares risk undermining efforts to promote greener transport and reduce dependency on cars; acknowledges that not only are prices increasing, trains are also becoming more overcrowded and less frequent; believes that public transport is a vital public service and should not be run for private profit; calls on the Government to bring the railways back into public ownership to ensure fair pricing, greater investment in infrastructure and services, and to deliver a rail service that works in the public interest.

1225 **Peace Child International time capsule in Perth**Tabled: **8/05/25** Signatories: **5****Stephen Gethins****Jim Shannon****Pete Wishart****Chris Law****Graham Leadbitter**

That this House celebrates the unveiling of the Peace Child time capsule in Perth, 34 years after it was buried by 60 young people from Perth Youth Theatre and 60 young people from around the world; notes that the time capsule is filled with notes of how young people in 1991 hoped to see the world in 2025; acknowledges that this programme promoted peace and unity and has remained a memorable experience for all who participated; and recognises that Peace Child International continues to empower young people globally through their education and training programmes.

1228 **National Operating Department Practitioner Day**

Tabled: 8/05/25 Signatories: 13

Cat Eccles**Adam Joguee****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Jim Shannon****Mary Kelly Foy****Sadik Al-Hassan**

Carla Denyer

Ian Byrne

That this House recognises and celebrates National Operating Department Practitioners (ODP) Day on 14 May, which highlights the vital role ODPs play in the delivery of safe, effective and compassionate care in our hospitals and surgical theatres across the United Kingdom; commends the dedication, skill and professionalism of ODPs who work tirelessly as key members of multidisciplinary surgical teams, often behind the scenes, ensuring the highest standards of patient care before, during and after operations; further welcomes efforts to raise awareness of the ODP profession among the public and prospective healthcare workers, particularly through outreach and education on National ODP Day; and calls on the Government to support and invest in the ODP workforce through education, career progression opportunities and public recognition of their essential contribution to the NHS.

1230 **Gaza occupation proposals**

Tabled: 8/05/25 Signatories: 64

Calum Miller**Monica Harding****James MacCleary****Helen Maguire****Tom Morrison****Munira Wilson**

Susan Murray

Carla Denyer

That this House expresses its outrage at proposals by the Israeli Government to indefinitely occupy Gaza; condemns the plans for the further forced displacement of Palestinians; affirms its belief that, if realised, these would constitute clear breaches of international law; notes with immense concern that these proposals will only make it more difficult to ensure the remaining Israeli hostages in Hamas' captivity will return to Israel safely; believes that these measures will not bring more long-term security to Israel; urges the Government to commit to banning the export of all UK arms to Israel to ensure no UK weapons can be used to perpetrate human rights abuses in the Occupied Palestinian Territories; further urges the Government to sanction the extremist Ministers Ben-Gvir and Smotrich, who actively promote expansion into the Occupied Palestinian Territories; and calls on the Government immediately to recognise the state of

Palestine, as a way of giving hope to millions of Palestinians and affirming their right to self-determination.

1233 Deaf Awareness Week 2025

Tabled: **8/05/25** Signatories: **40**

Tom Gordon
Helen Maguire
Wendy Chamberlain
Wera Hobhouse
Rachel Gilmour
Adam Dance

Carla Denyer

That this House recognises the importance of, and celebrates, Deaf Awareness Week 2025; acknowledges this year's theme, Beyond Silence; congratulates organisations such as the British Deaf Association, the Royal National Institute for Deaf People, and the National Deaf Children's Society for the vital work they do in supporting deaf people, their families, and the wider deaf community; commends local councils, including North Yorkshire Council, for openly supporting Deaf Awareness Week; encourages local authorities, businesses, and other organisations to continue improving their information and support for the deaf community; celebrates the diverse ways in which deaf people communicate and the richness of Deaf culture; and further recognises the importance of breaking down barriers to full accessibility for individuals with hearing loss, as well as those with other physical and mental disabilities.

1235 Long Service and Good Conduct Medal for Police Community Support Officers

Tabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **8**

Grahame Morris
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Andrew George
Tristan Osborne
Jim Shannon
Ellie Chowns

Carla Denyer

That this House recognises the vital contribution made by Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) in communities across the UK; notes with deep appreciation the commitment and professionalism shown by PCSOs who dedicate their careers to public service and community safety, often facing great risk; further notes with concern the current absence of a Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (LSGCM) or equivalent national recognition for PCSOs, despite their uniformed presence and frontline role in policing; acknowledges the disappointment felt by many long-serving PCSOs, including those with over 20 years' service, who remain ineligible for the honours afforded to regular police officers, special constables, firefighters, and

paramedics; welcomes the ongoing review by the Home Office into the creation of a new medal for police staff; and urges the Government to move swiftly to establish a Long Service and Good Conduct Medal for PCSOs to formally recognise their years of dedicated service and invaluable contribution to safer streets and stronger communities.

1240 Overseas-qualified dentists

Tabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **22**

Dr Roz Savage

Wera Hobhouse

Clive Jones

Adam Dance

Wendy Chamberlain

Tom Gordon

Carla Denyer

That this House notes that around 5,000 overseas-qualified dentists are currently waiting to sit the Overseas Registration Exam (ORE) in order to practice dentistry in the UK; further notes that each application process costs individuals approximately £5,000; highlights the case of one South Cotswolds constituent who has been unable to secure an exam slot for over two years; recognises the acute shortage of dentists, particularly in rural areas; acknowledges the serious consequences of limited access to dental care, including chronic pain and untreated infections; believes that enabling overseas-qualified dentists to practice can help relieve pressure on the existing dental workforce; and calls on the General Dental Council to re-evaluate the ORE process, expand exam capacity, and explore supervised practice pathways as a route to registration.

1243 Nurses Day 2025

Tabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **12**

Jim Shannon

Claire Young

Mr Gregory Campbell

Andrew George

Tristan Osborne

Ellie Chowns

Carla Denyer

That this House notes Nurse's Day 2025 on May 12 which celebrates the incredible skill and dedication of all nurses across the UK and further afield; highlights the vast variety of settings, from GP staff to hospitals and from community care staff to pharmacies; underlines that despite their invaluable work, the nursing sector faces huge challenges in terms of funding and staff shortages which must be addressed as a priority for Government; further notes the positive

effects nursing care has on millions of people; and thanks all nurses and NHS staff for their invaluable contribution to healthcare across the United Kingdom.

1244 Court transcript costs

Tabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **29**

Sarah Olney

Wera Hobhouse

Clive Jones

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Tom Gordon

Helen Maguire

Carla Denyer

That this House believes that victims of crime should be able to access a transcript of court proceedings free of charge; notes that this would improve transparency throughout the criminal justice process; regrets the extortionate costs associated with court transcript fees, noting particular instances where victims were charged up to £22,000; acknowledges this acts as a barrier to justice; recognises that being able to review sentencing remarks helps provide victims and survivors with clarity and closure about the outcome of their case; and urges the Government to make permanent the Rape and Sexual Offences Free Sentencing Remarks Pilot Scheme and extend this to include victims of all crime.

1245 Restructure of local government debt

Tabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **8**

Jon Trickett

Neil Duncan-Jordan

Jim Shannon

Ellie Chowns

Margaret Mullane

Ayoub Khan

Carla Denyer

That this House expresses deep concern that local government net debt across UK has doubled since 2010 and is spiralling out of control; notes a funding gap of £6.4 billion forming in the day-to-day council budgets in 2024-25 in comparison to 2019-20 budgets; acknowledges that councils will be confronted with the unacceptable choice of cutting services or using already worryingly declining reserves to balance their budgets without accounting for increased energy costs and inflationary pressures; recognises that over a decade of austerity has brought unnecessary Section 114 notices, which are ineffective and myopic; notes that these political decisions and Government action has encouraged risky behaviour and borrowing; further notes that councils are now laden with debt and spending a fortune on repayments; and calls on the

Government to restructure local government debt to future-proof local authorities against the need to cut jobs, pay conditions and critical public services.

1246 Community Energy Pathways and the King's Award for Sustainable Enterprise

Tabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **28**

Pippa Heylings

Wera Hobhouse

Clive Jones

Helen Maguire

Victoria Collins

Edward Morello

Carla Denyer

That this House congratulates Community Energy Pathways (CEP), a not-for-profit community energy social enterprise based in Lewes, East Sussex, on being awarded the prestigious King's Award for Sustainable Enterprise; notes that this award reflects two years of rigorous due diligence by the King's Fund, acknowledging CEP's outstanding contribution to empowering communities to deliver locally-owned, low-carbon energy solutions; recognises CEP's work in supporting over 60 community energy groups across 15 counties and towns, as well as the successful securing of £1 million from UK Power Networks to expand its reach to 20,000 people and facilitate over 1,200 in-person home energy visits; commends the organisation's innovative Energy Champions programme, which creates local jobs and equips residents with the knowledge and tools to cut energy costs and carbon emissions; further notes that community energy enjoys significantly greater public support than privately-owned alternatives, as evidenced by recent polling from Common Wealth; and calls on the Government to provide greater support to the community energy sector to accelerate the just transition to a low-carbon economy, reduce household energy bills, and strengthen local resilience and ownership of the UK's energy future.

1247 International Nurses Day 2025

Tabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **10**

Mary Kelly Foy

Neil Duncan-Jordan

Shockat Adam

Andrew George

Tristan Osborne

Jim Shannon

Carla Denyer

That this House recognises 12 May 2025 as International Nurses Day and pays tribute to the exceptional dedication, professionalism and expertise of nursing staff across the UK and around the world; notes that nursing is a highly skilled and safety-critical profession requiring

rigorous training, advanced knowledge and continuous development; acknowledges the vital care provided by nurses in a wide range of settings, and the trust placed in them by the public during their most vulnerable moments; commends the Royal College of Nursing for its ongoing advocacy and support for nurses across the UK; and calls on the Government to work in partnership with organisations such as the RCN to ensure nursing staff are fairly rewarded, properly resourced and recognised as the essential professionals they are.

1251 Support for the trans community

Tabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **20**

Siân Berry
Carla Denyer
Christine Jardine
Kate Osborne
Liz Saville Roberts
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Ian Byrne

That this House celebrates the contribution that the trans community, binary and nonbinary, makes to the UK; recognises that transgender transition liberates trans people to be their true selves; notes that there is no such thing as gender ideology, but that term is used to oppose acceptance of trans people in society; condemns baseless fearmongering in the media that trans people present a risk to others; further notes that the increase in anti-trans hate crime recorded in England and Wales between 2012 and 2023 was 1,426 per cent; supports inclusive language for trans and nonbinary people; and calls on the Government to perform its statutory public sector equality duty to trans people, by eliminating discrimination against them, advancing equality of opportunity for them, and fostering good relations between trans and cis people.

1253 Reductions to CrossCountry trains catering services

Tabled: **13/05/25** Signatories: **25**

Rachael Maskell
John McDonnell
Mary Kelly Foy
Grahame Morris
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Charlotte Nichols

Carla Denyer

That this House is concerned that CrossCountry trains is the latest passenger train operator to announce cuts to the provision of on-board catering services on long-distance rail services; is further concerned that these short-sighted cuts risks hundreds of railway jobs, while pushing passengers away from the railway network; notes that the provision of rail catering services

across the industry has been under attack for many years by train companies seeking to cut costs and staffing at the expense of passenger service; further notes that there has already been a significant reduction in catering services since privatisation 30 years ago, with nearly all restaurant areas on trains abolished and the traditional buffet counter now also disappearing on many services; believes the availability of snacks, drinks and in some cases light meals is an added value to the travel experience on our railways; further believes that on-board catering workers should be celebrated by train operators as an important part of the on-board team, offering passengers excellent customer service and providing reassurance; and calls on CrossCountry to reverse these cuts and on the Government to ensure that Great British Railways presides over expanded and properly funded catering provision, staffed in-house.

1254 Service with the British Commanders'-In-Chief Mission to the Soviet Forces in Germany, 1946-1990

Tabled: 13/05/25 Signatories: 17

Ben Obese-Jecty

Sir Iain Duncan Smith

Sir Julian Lewis

Jim Shannon

Mr Paul Foster

Will Stone

Sir Desmond Swayne

John Cooper

That this House recognises the courage, service and commitment of the service personnel who served in the British Commanders'-in-Chief Mission to the Soviet Forces in Germany (BRIXMIS) in East Germany during the Cold War; further recognises the high risk involved in the conduct of the intelligence collection patrols campaign against Warsaw-Pact forces, unarmed, without protective equipment or communications devices; highlights the vital value of the raw, actionable intelligence gathered; also recognises that the East German secret police and military forces were directed to kill or injure members of the Allied Military Liaison Missions, British (BRIXMIS), United States (USMLM) and French (FMLM) military personnel; notes that the duration of the operation which spanned from September 1946 to October 1990 saw the award of 58 OBE, MBE and BEM awards and honours, but leaves around 900 former service personnel with no formal recognition of their endeavour; highlights that there is a precedent for the award of a clasp to the General Service Medal for non-kinetic operations; and recommends that there should be an award of a BRIXMIS clasp for the General Service Medal, with all those who served during the campaign eligible for receipt of the clasp.

1256 Negotiating rights for police officers

Tabled: 13/05/25 Signatories: 19

Liz Saville Roberts**Rachael Maskell****Cat Smith****Kim Johnson****Mary Glindon****Grahame Morris**

Carla Denyer

That this House notes that pay and conditions for police officers in England and Wales are subject to recommendations by the Police Remuneration Review Body (PRRB) and that its letter of remit each year is drafted by the Home Office, directing it to look at specific areas of pay and conditions and within established parameters; further notes that, while the PRRB can step outside of the areas and limits within this letter, its recommendations need approval by the Secretary of State for the Home Department; believes these restrictions at both the beginning and end of the process remove any true independence from the PRRB; also notes that PRRB recommendations are not binding and there is no right of appeal or arbitration; notes that police officers have no right to take industrial action and that, before the PRRB was introduced in 2014, police pay and conditions were resolved through a Police Negotiating Board and subject to binding arbitration, which is still used in Scotland; further believes that the PRRB process should be reviewed to allow for consultation and collective bargaining, with a system of binding arbitration introduced; insists that this is not asking for a blank cheque or for agreement to unreasonable demands but rather for a compensatory mechanism for the lack of any ability to take industrial action; and calls on the Government to enter into formal negotiations with the Police Federation of England and Wales with a view to reforming the current PRRB system to include binding arbitration.

1261 Universities and international students

Tabled: 14/05/25 Signatories: 24

Ian Sollom**Wendy Chamberlain****Lisa Smart****Wera Hobhouse****Pippa Heylings****Dr Al Pinkerton**

Carla Denyer

That this House is deeply proud of the UK's place as a world-leader in research and teaching in universities and other Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), home to many of the world's leading universities; notes with concern the deep financial issues facing many universities and HEIs, with more than four in ten universities in England expecting to be in a financial deficit by this summer; further notes the Government's announcement of 12 May 2025 that proposes restricting

student visas, limiting the graduate route, and imposing a levy on universities' international student income; acknowledges the immense role that international students play in contributing to our country and our economy, while strengthening our soft power on the world stage; believes we must protect the UK's place as a world leader in research by safeguarding our reputation as a destination for the world's brightest minds; further believes that protecting university finances is of vital importance; therefore calls on the Government to urgently consult with the university and HEI sector on its immigration proposals; and further calls on the Government to move to a model where international student flows are reported separately to estimates of long-term migration to avoid counter-productive policies and to rapidly establish a review of higher education finance.

1267 Jewish LGBTQ+ groups at Pride

Tabled: 14/05/25 Signatories: 24

Christine Jardine

Tom Gordon

Lisa Smart

Wera Hobhouse

Helen Maguire

Mr Angus MacDonald

Steve Darling

That this House expresses deep concern at the decision by the Jewish LGBT+ charity KeshetUK and other Jewish LGBTQ+ groups to withdraw from Pride in London this year, marking the second consecutive year they have felt unable to participate due to safety concerns and a lack of adequate assurances from event organisers; notes that this decision follows the unprecedented rise in antisemitism in the UK since the Hamas atrocities on 7 October 2023, and the subsequent war in Gaza, which has severely impacted the sense of safety and inclusion for Jewish communities, including those within the LGBTQ+ community; recognises the historic and ongoing contribution of Jewish LGBT+ individuals to the broader movement for equality and inclusion; unequivocally condemns all forms of antisemitism and homophobia, particularly where they intersect; calls on Pride in London and the relevant authorities to urgently review and strengthen safety protocols to ensure that all communities, especially minority groups, feel safe and welcome; urges greater engagement between Pride organisers and Jewish LGBT+ groups to rebuild trust and facilitate their participation in future events; and reaffirms this House's unwavering commitment to upholding the rights, safety, and dignity of all LGBTQ+ individuals, regardless of faith or ethnicity.

1268 Political parties at Pride

Tabled: 14/05/25 Signatories: 41

Christine Jardine**Tom Gordon****Tom Morrison****Lisa Smart****Wera Hobhouse****Helen Maguire**

Steve Darling

That this House regrets the decision taken by organisers of several Pride marches and parades across the UK to not allow political parties to march; further regrets that that decision partly stems from a lack of trust in politicians and Government amongst many in the LGBTQ+ community; notes that many trans people are concerned by the rise in hate-crime against transgender and non-binary people, and worried about the practical implications of the recent ruling in the Supreme Court case For Women Scotland vs The Scottish Minister on their lives; reaffirms its commitment to standing up for the rights and dignity of all in the LGBTQ+ community, including trans and non-binary people; calls on Rt hon. and hon. Members in the House, and their political parties, to reaffirm their commitment to protecting and advancing the rights of trans and non-binary people across the UK; and hopes political parties which support the rights of LGBTQ+ people and the aims of Pride will be able to re-join these parades officially in future.

1269 UK aid for global forests and indigenous peoples

Tabled: 15/05/25 Signatories: 16

Pippa Heylings**Jess Brown-Fuller****Wera Hobhouse****Mr Will Forster****David Chadwick****Charlotte Cane**

Carla Denyer

That this House expresses deep concern at the threat to UK support for global forests and the rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities (IPLCs) as a result of reductions to the Official Development Assistance (ODA) budget; notes that tropical forests are vital to climate regulation, biodiversity, food security and public health, and that halting deforestation could contribute up to 30% of climate change mitigation potential; further notes that forests are home to 1.6 billion people, including 300 million Indigenous Peoples whose knowledge, stewardship and tenure rights are critical to effective forest governance; recognises the positive impact of UK funding in tackling illegal logging and promoting sustainable forest economies through programmes such as Forest Governance Markets and Climate (FGMC2), Investments in Forests and Sustainable Land Use (IFSLU), The Amazon Catalyst for Forest

Communities (AMCAT), the Biodiverse Landscapes Fund, and the Congo Basin Forest Action Programme; recalls the UK's leadership at COP26 through the Glasgow Leaders' Declaration on Forests and Land Use and urges the Government to honour this commitment with sustained investment; affirms that private finance initiatives, such as the Tropical Forest Forever Facility, cannot replace the UK's bilateral support and the impact of direct partnerships with rainforest countries and IPLC-led solutions; and calls on the Government to protect existing forest programmes from aid cuts, restore the aid budget to 0.7% of GNI at the earliest opportunity, and ensure forest protection and Indigenous rights remain central to the UK's international climate and development strategy ahead of COP30.

1270 Peterhead Football Club, Scottish League 2 champions

Tabled: **15/05/25** Signatories: **4**

Seamus Logan

Jim Shannon

Graham Leadbitter

Brendan O'Hara

That this House congratulates Peterhead Football Club on winning the 2024-25 Scottish League 2 champion title; recognises that Peterhead Football Club, affectionately known as The Blue Toon, secured their championship after defeating East Fife FC 1-0 at Balmoor Stadium; notes that they ended the season on 66 points, 4 clear of runners-up East Fife; commends scorer Peter Pawlett for scoring the only goal of the game; further commends managers Jordon Brown and Ryan Strachan and all their players and staff for their collective efforts and determination to succeed; and wishes the club well for the forthcoming season.

1275 Dementia Action Week

Tabled: **16/05/25** Signatories: **23**

Mr Lee Dillon

Tom Gordon

Ellie Chowns

Vikki Slade

Helen Maguire

Sarah Dyke

Victoria Collins

That this House recognises the profound impact of dementia on both those living with the condition and their loved ones; commends the work of the Alzheimer's Society in establishing Dementia Action Week to encourage people experiencing signs of dementia to seek vital help and support; applauds the initiatives of Thatcham Town Council, specifically their participation in the Paint the Town Blue campaign led by Dementia Friendly West Berkshire; and calls on

the Government to significantly improve dementia care provision, with particular emphasis on enabling people to receive high-quality care in their own homes where appropriate and desired.

1277 All-Party Parliamentary Group on Afrikan Reparations report

Tabled: 16/05/25 Signatories: 3

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Ellie Chowns

Carla Denyer

That this House notes the publication of the Laying Ancestors to Rest report by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Afrikan Reparations, which highlights the impact of the continued retention, display, and sale of African ancestral remains in UK institutions and private collections; recognises the cultural, spiritual, and ethical significance of these remains to descendant communities and the ongoing distress caused by their continued possession outside their places of origin; expresses concern over reports that African ancestral remains continue to be sold on online marketplaces and through private collectors with insufficient legal oversight; calls on the Government to implement the report's recommendations, including to amend legislation to ban the sale and public display of human remains, introduce a clear, transparent process for the repatriation of African ancestral remains, and fund provenance research to identify the origins of remains in UK institutions; further calls on the Government to facilitate discussions with descendant communities on the creation of memorials or reburial sites for unidentifiable remains; urges museums, universities, and other institutions to adopt ethical policies on the storage, display, and restitution of African ancestral remains, in consultation with affected communities; and supports greater international cooperation to address the colonial legacy of human remains retention and ensure that affected communities are at the centre of decision-making processes regarding their ancestors.

1278 International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia

Tabled: 16/05/25 Signatories: 31

Christine Jardine

Lisa Smart

Tom Gordon

Vikki Slade

Ellie Chowns

Pippa Heylings

Ben Lake

Llinos Medi

Liz Saville Roberts

Steve Darling

Ann Davies

Carla Denyer

That this House recognises 17 May as the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia; further recognises the concern and fear that many LGBTQ+ people have felt in recent years, particularly in the trans community, despite the progress made in securing rights and protections for LGBTQ+ people in law; notes with deep concern that two-thirds of LGBTQ+

people report that they have experienced anti-LGBTQ+ violence or abuse, and the number of hate crimes recorded against trans people have more than doubled in the last five years; urges the Government to implement a clear plan to tackle anti-LGBTQ+ hate crime, including ensuring that hate crimes against LGBTQ+ people are counted as aggravated offences; and calls on the Government to tackle discrimination against LGBTQ+ in housing, employment, education; and to stand up for LGBTQ+ rights across the world.

1279 Digital-only immigration status

Tabled: **16/05/25** Signatories: **11**

Pete Wishart

Manuela Perteghella [R]

Ellie Chowns

Ayoub Khan

Wera Hobhouse

Ben Lake

Llinos Medi

Liz Saville Roberts

Ann Davies

Graham Leadbitter

Carla Denyer

That this House expresses serious concern about the implementation of the digital-only immigration status, which was first rolled out in 2018 for those with status under the EU Settlement Scheme and by the end of 2024 had been extended to all migrants with an immigration status in the UK; notes that this system fails to provide individuals with secure, tangible, offline and independently accessible proof of status; recognises that the View and Prove process (requiring repeated access to a GOV.UK platform, two-factor authentication, and generation of share codes) is cumbersome, fragmented and unfit for purpose, presenting serious accessibility barriers for digitally excluded and vulnerable individuals; is deeply concerned about reports of alarming failures of data integrity, including corrupted records displaying incorrect photographs, biodata, or status; further notes that at critical moments poor internet connectivity also renders people unable to prove their status; stresses the significant consequences for people in those situations, including denial of job opportunities, housing, education, and healthcare, with people also often left stranded at borders at the point of travel; is alarmed by the potential parallels with the Windrush scandal; and calls on the Government to launch an independent review of the Home Office's implementation of the digital-only immigration status in consultation with impacted communities, considering secure alternatives and compensation for individuals who have incurred losses due to the system's failures.

1280 **Sewage pollution**

Tabled: 19/05/25 Signatories: 18

Edward Morello**Dr Danny Chambers****Helen Maguire****Alex Brewer****Adam Dance****Wera Hobhouse**

Steve Darling

Carla Denyer

That this House expresses grave concern over the ongoing sewage pollution crisis in England, particularly in rural constituencies like West Dorset; notes with alarm that over 450,000 sewage spills were recorded across England in 2024, including almost 4,200 in West Dorset, resulting in over 48,000 hours of sewage discharges into local rivers and beaches; further notes that the River Lim, which exits at Lyme Regis, has been declared ecologically dead due to overwhelming pollution, and that in 2019 only 17% of the 24 monitored water bodies in West Dorset were classed as having good ecological status; recognises the severe repercussions of this crisis on tourism, a key economic driver in West Dorset and many other constituencies, with visitors and residents forced to rely on water quality alerts to safely access local waterways; condemns the lack of accountability among water companies, who collectively paid £1.4 billion in dividends in 2022 and £51 million in executive remuneration over 2020 and 2021, while failing to adequately invest in infrastructure to prevent sewage spills; calls on the Government to implement stronger financial penalties for water companies that fail to meet environmental standards, to ring-fence these fines for reinvestment in affected communities, and to prioritise infrastructure upgrades in neglected rural areas; and urges the Government to ensure transparency and accountability in the water industry and to work with local businesses and communities to mitigate the environmental and economic impacts of sewage pollution, securing the future of tourism-dependent economies and protecting the nation's natural heritage.

1282 **Fairtrade tea campaign**

Tabled: 19/05/25 Signatories: 4

Martin Rhodes**Jim Shannon****Douglas McAllister****Carla Denyer**

That this House condemns the grave working conditions that many tea growing communities face across the world; notes with concern that many tea farmers and workers do not earn enough to afford a decent standard of living; acknowledges that the challenges in the tea industry are deeply complex; supports multi-stakeholder dialogue in the tea sector to build progress towards living incomes and living wages for the people behind the tea we drink; calls for UK legislation to make it mandatory for businesses to carry out human rights and environmental due diligence in their supply chains; and urges the Government to honour its

International Climate Finance commitment to support tea growing communities to adapt and build resilience to climate change.

1283 The Bookhouse in Broughty Ferry

Tabled: **19/05/25** Signatories: **3**

Stephen Gethins

Jim Shannon

Graham Leadbitter

That this House congratulates The Bookhouse in Broughty Ferry for being shortlisted as one of the finalists for the British Book Awards 2025 Independent Bookshop of the Year Award; recognises that The Bookhouse is a family-run business that brings people together through book clubs and author signings; and acknowledges the work they do in concert with local schools and nurseries to support literacy and providing them with free books for children for World Book Day.

1284 Citizens Advice in East Dorset and Purbeck

Tabled: **19/05/25** Signatories: **8**

Vikki Slade

Adam Dance

Mr Angus MacDonald

Edward Morello

Jim Shannon

Clive Jones

Steve Darling

That this House recognises the significant impact of Citizens Advice working to provide information and support to people in need across the country; commends the East Dorset and Purbeck branch of Citizens Advice for their Advice Bus scheme which provides residents with free advice on issues such as debt, benefits access, employment and housing at visits to rural locations, and which has already supported 3,000 people; celebrates the Advice Bus' second anniversary and the accompanying Royal visit made by Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal to mark the occasion; acknowledges the hard work of advisers at East Dorset and Purbeck Citizens Advice, and at other sites around the country; further recognises the need for such services is increasing due to the ongoing cost of living crisis; encourages the Government to engage with the reports produced by branches including the East Dorset and Purbeck branch that note the most pressing issues those seeking advice are facing; and urges the Government to consider the recommendations made by Citizens Advice in each area of support.

1286 World Bee Day

Tabled: 19/05/25 Signatories: 21

Anna Sabine**Alex Brewer****Helen Maguire****Adam Dance****Wera Hobhouse****Liz Jarvis**

Ian Roome

Steve Darling

That this House celebrates World Bee Day, a UN-designated day whose theme this year is to highlight the critical roles bees and other pollinators play in agri-food systems and the health of our planet's ecosystems; notes with concern the rise of the Asian hornet and its effect on wildlife and habitats, including songbirds; encourages people to use locally-sourced British honey; praises the work of local beekeepers and organisations who promote and upkeep high standards and identify and report non-native species or decline; calls for more bee inspectors to ensure that beekeepers across the country maintain high-standards; and further encourages people to engage with their local beekeeping communities to learn more about the relationship between human, animal and plant health.

1288 Dementia Action Week 2025

Tabled: 19/05/25 Signatories: 8

Jim Shannon**Douglas McAllister****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Rupert Lowe****Daniel Francis****Luke Akehurst**

Andrew Rosindell

Carla Denyer

That this House notes Dementia Action Week 2025, which takes place between 19 and 25 May 2025, is dedicated to raising awareness of the importance of an early diagnosis for people affected by dementia; highlights that one in three people living with dementia in the UK do not have a diagnosis and that 91% of people affected by dementia say there are benefits to getting a diagnosis; acknowledges that there are currently one million people living with dementia in the UK and that this complex and terminal condition also affects families who take on significant caring roles; further notes that the Government must take steps to ensure people have access to specialist dementia care to support them through diagnosis; and thanks charities and agencies who go above and beyond to guide people through their journey of living with dementia.

1289 Cardiovascular disease prevention

Tabled: 19/05/25 Signatories: 2

Jim Shannon**Carla Denyer**

That this House recognises that cardiovascular disease (CVD) and CVD-risk conditions in this country are a leading cause of morbidity, disability and health inequalities; further recognises that 7.6 million people in the UK have a CVD condition and that this figure is projected to rise significantly by 2040; notes that CVD is also a major contributor to economic and productivity challenges; acknowledges that without concerted action we will continue to see the wide reaching impacts of CVD and CVD-risk conditions on patients, the NHS and wider society; and calls on the Government to work with clinical leaders, patients and communities to deliver a national action plan for CVD which commits to improving prevention, care and outcomes for people living with, or at risk of, cardiovascular conditions.

1290 World IBD Day 2025

Tabled: 19/05/25 Signatories: 17

Tom Gordon**Adam Dance****Helen Maguire****Wera Hobhouse****Liz Jarvis****Steff Aquarone**

Ben Lake

Llinos Medi

Liz Saville Roberts

Ann Davies

Carla Denyer

That this House notes that 19 May 2025 marks World IBD Day, a global initiative to raise awareness of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), including Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis; recognises that over 500,000 people in the UK are currently living with Crohn's or colitis, with 25,000 more diagnosed each year; acknowledges that these are lifelong, often invisible conditions with no known cure, and that many people face significant physical, emotional and social challenges as a result; further notes that stigma and misunderstanding around IBD persist; welcomes this year's theme of courage, highlighting the strength it takes to navigate diagnosis, manage symptoms, endure flares, and speak openly about living with IBD; pays tribute to Crohn's & Colitis UK and their ambassador Amy Dowden MBE for their tireless work to raise awareness and provide support to those affected; and calls on the Government to ensure better public understanding, increased research funding, and improved care and support for all those living with Crohn's and colitis in the UK.

1292 Denis Law Legacy Trail

Tabled: 19/05/25 Signatories: 4

Kirsty Blackman**Neil Duncan-Jordan****Jim Shannon****Graham Leadbitter**

That this House celebrates the new Denis Law Legacy Trail in the Printfield area of Aberdeen where he grew up, which recognises Denis Law's remarkable legacy as Scotland's only Ballon D'or winner, inspires youngsters from across Aberdeen and further afield to work hard to achieve their dreams, and brings beautiful artwork to the heart of the history-rich Woodside area encouraging locals and visitors alike to explore.

1295 Gary Lineker's contribution to Match of the Day

Tabled: 19/05/25 Signatories: 11

Shockat Adam**Mr Adnan Hussain****Iqbal Mohamed****Ayoub Khan****Jeremy Corbyn****Zarah Sultana**

Brian Leishman

Ms Diane Abbott

Ian Byrne

Kim Johnson

Valerie Vaz

That this House pays tribute to the extraordinary career and enduring legacy of Gary Lineker as he retires from his role on Match of the Day; celebrates him not only as one of England's greatest ever goal scorers and a former England team captain, but as the beating heart of Leicester City FC, the club he has always called home; applauds his unwavering composure, both as a player renowned for his calmness under pressure and as a broadcaster whose clarity and humour became the voice of Saturday nights for millions; acknowledges his immense charitable work, including tireless support for children's cancer charities, vital donations to the British Red Cross during the covid-19 pandemic, and his critical role in rescuing Leicester City FC from financial ruin in 2002; honours his achievements on the pitch, including the 1986 World Cup Golden Boot and leading England to the semi-finals in 1990; and believes that football fans across the nation will deeply miss his warmth, wit, and wisdom, and wishes him the very best in his well-earned retirement from the show.

1296 UK-EU Summit (No. 2)

Tabled: 19/05/25 Signatories: 5

Jim Allister
Jim Shannon
Rupert Lowe
Alex Easton
Andrew Rosindell

That this House notes with regret that the UK-EU summit did not reset relations on the basis that the UK reasserts full sovereignty over Northern Ireland and relieves it of colonial rule by the EU; notes that the SPS deal does not include customs and therefore all goods, including SPS goods, will be subject to EU customs declarations and checks on goods moving internally to Northern Ireland from GB; deplores that GB, like Northern Ireland, will now be subject to foreign laws it does not make and cannot change, that an Irish Sea border, including the parcels border, still partitions the United Kingdom; and is appalled that the UK has not taken control of British fishing waters.

1297 World Bee Day (No. 2)

Tabled: 19/05/25 Signatories: 40

Monica Harding
Adam Dance
Helen Maguire
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Wera Hobhouse
Mr Paul Kohler

Ian Roome	Ben Lake	Llinos Medi
Liz Saville Roberts	Ann Davies	

That this House celebrates 20 May 2025 as World Bee Day, designated by the United Nations in order to raise awareness of the essential role bees and other pollinators play in promoting individual and planetary health; recognises the centrality of bees to the British way of life, from the quiet industry of the hive to the pollination of hedgerows, orchards and cottage gardens that define our countryside, culture, and food security; further recognises the vital role of Britain's 250-plus bee species in pollinating crops and sustaining biodiversity, contributing over £500 million annually to UK agriculture; acknowledges the critical importance of bees in sustaining biodiversity, supporting food production, and ensuring ecological balance; expresses concern at the continuing decline in bee populations due to climate change, pesticide use, habitat loss, invasive species like the yellow-legged hornet, and disease; calls on the Government to encourage local authorities, schools, farmers, and the public to support bee-friendly initiatives, including further planting, sustainable agriculture, and reduced pesticide use; and expresses pride at the tireless work of beekeepers, conservationists, and scientists across the UK who contribute to the protection and promotion of bees.

1298 130th anniversary of R.J. Mitchell

Tabled: 20/05/25 Signatories: 3

Dr Allison Gardner**Jim Shannon****David Williams**

That this House pays tribute to R.J. Mitchell, lead designer of the Spitfire, on the 130th anniversary of his birth; notes his contribution to victory in the Battle of Britain through his work on the Spitfire; and further notes his connection to North Staffordshire and celebrates his collaboration with Rolls Royce, who built the Merlin engine, which was vital to the defeat of the Nazis.

1299 Gillies 130 years in business in Broughty Ferry

Tabled: 20/05/25 Signatories: 3

Stephen Gethins**Jim Shannon****Graham Leadbitter**

That this House congratulates Gillies of Broughty Ferry in marking 130 years in business; celebrates its role as one of the largest furniture retailers in Scotland; notes their involvement in giving back to the community of Broughty Ferry by supporting the Summer Gala Week and raising money for a nominated charity in their annual Christmas display; and acknowledges their sustainability efforts through initiatives such as introducing bio-based carrier bags and recycling carpet offcuts and furniture packaging.

1301 Carnoustie Golf Links wins Best Golf Course in Scotland award

Tabled: 20/05/25 Signatories: 4

Stephen Gethins**Jim Shannon****Brian Leishman****Graham Leadbitter**

That this House congratulates Carnoustie Golf Links on being awarded Best Golf Course in Scotland over £250 at the Scottish Golf Tourism Awards; recognises the significance of this achievement in celebrating excellence in Scottish golf; commends the dedication of the entire Carnoustie team in maintaining its reputation as golf's greatest test; acknowledges the invaluable support of guests, suppliers, season ticket holders, local community members, and partners in sustaining its success; and wishes Carnoustie continued recognition as a world-class golfing destination.

1302 120 years of DC Thomson

Tabled: 20/05/25 Signatories: 4

Stephen Gethins

Chris Law

Jim Shannon

Graham Leadbitter

That this House marks 120 years since the establishment of DC Thomson in Dundee, celebrating its profound impact on publishing, journalism, and popular culture; recognises its role in shaping the city's identity and entertaining generations through some of the most iconic comic characters in history, including The Beano, The Dandy, Oor Wullie, and The Broons; acknowledges its contribution to news and storytelling through The Courier, The Evening Telegraph, and legendary titles such as Jackie and Commando; commends its ability to evolve in the digital age while maintaining its rich heritage; and expresses gratitude for its enduring creativity and innovation, ensuring Dundee remains at the heart of publishing for generations to come.

1304 Imprisonment of Lucy Connolly

Tabled: 20/05/25 Signatories: 5

Rupert Lowe

Sir Gavin Williamson

Mary Glindon

Mr Peter Bedford

Andrew Rosindell

That this House notes with concern the continued imprisonment of Lucy Connolly, a young mother, for a non-violent offence; recognises that the UK's prison system is facing unprecedented overcrowding; further notes that the use of custodial sentences for non-violent offenders, particularly primary carers, undermines family stability, disproportionately affects children, and is often counterproductive in reducing reoffending; believes that prison should be reserved for those who pose a serious risk to the public; and calls on the Government to urgently review sentencing practices, expand the use of community-based alternatives, and ensure that limited prison space is prioritised for dangerous and violent offenders, not young mothers like Lucy Connolly.

1305 **Shrill carder bee**

Tabled: 20/05/25 Signatories: 8

Sarah Dyke**Jim Shannon****Adam Dance****Vikki Slade****Wera Hobhouse****Steve Darling**

Clive Jones

Carla Denyer

That this House notes with concern the decline of the Shrill carder bee; is alarmed that the Shrill carder bee is now only found in several areas of the UK including the Somerset Levels; further notes the vital role bees and other pollinators play in our ecosystems and food security; celebrates World Bee Day 2025; highlights that 85-95% of the UK's insect-pollinated crops rely on wild pollinators; notes that insect species pollinate £690 million worth of crops annually; but is concerned about the habitat destruction insects and pollinators face; notes with concern that 97% of all flower-rich grassland has been lost in the past 50 years; is further concerned by the damage that the use of pesticides containing neonicotinoids has on areas of wildlife, including the mobility of bees; congratulates the hard work of organisations such as Buglife and their B-Line project that is creating a network of insect highways across the UK reconnecting fragmented wildflower-rich habitats; and calls on the Government to build on the success of the National Pollinator Strategy by creating a complementary National Invertebrate Strategy.

1308 **Former secretary of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Kurdistan Region of Iraq**

Tabled: 21/05/25 Signatories: 4

Mary Glindon**Jim Shannon****Mrs Sharon Hodgson****John Slinger**

That this House notes that Gary Kent, a parliamentary staff member since 1987, was secretary of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Kurdistan Region of Iraq for nearly two decades until last year; welcomes the recent decision of the Kurdistan Regional Government to commend his notable service and dedication and commitment and persistent efforts that have significantly developed ties of friendship and co-operation while not preventing him from, in the words of the Kurdistan Regional Government, seeing us as we are, warts and all, and, like a true friend, suggesting to us how we can improve the situation for the betterment of our society and economy; and adds its thanks to Gary Kent for his work in advocating for stronger co-operation with a nation and government that are proud of their partnership with the UK.

1309 **British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme (No. 2)**

Tabled: 21/05/25 Signatories: 15

David Chadwick**Jim Shannon****Adam Dance****Brian Leishman****Ben Lake****Llinos Medi**

Liz Saville Roberts

Steve Darling

Ann Davies

Cameron Thomas

Susan Murray

Clive Jones

Helen Morgan

Victoria Collins

Carla Denyer

That this House condemns the ongoing injustice faced by members of the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme (BCSSS) and urges the Government to act immediately to ensure that all former mineworkers are treated with fairness and dignity; notes that, while the Government has recently released funds from the Miners' Pension Scheme, it has failed to extend the same support to BCSSS members, many of whom face real difficulty despite having contributed to the scheme throughout their working lives; believes that levelling up coalfield communities must begin by honouring the generation whose hard work built and sustained them; supports the BCSSS Trustees in their call for the £2.3 billion investment reserve to be distributed fairly to members; and calls on the Government to consult directly with the trustees and commit to full transparency in all decisions relating to the scheme.

1310 **Arms exports to Israel**

Tabled: 21/05/25 Signatories: 40

Zarah Sultana**Jeremy Corbyn****Andrew George****Carla Denyer****Apsana Begum****Ms Diane Abbott**

Peter Lamb

Ellie Chowns

Adrian Ramsay

Imran Hussain

Shockat Adam

Graham Leadbitter

Olivia Blake

Seamus Logan

Chris Law

Cat Smith

Dave Doogan

Steve Witherden

That this House calls on the Government to immediately suspend all arms exports to Israel in line with majority public opinion and urgently provide full transparency over Britain's military relationship with Israel considering new evidence of significantly increased military shipments during the war on Gaza; notes a new report evidencing Britain has exported over 8,600 munitions, 116 goods in the category of tanks, armoured vehicles and parts thereof and continued direct shipments of F-35 parts after UK's suspension of licenses in September 2024; further notes this evidence contradicts ministerial claims to have banned arms sales

that could be used in Gaza, including direct supply of F-35 parts to Israel; highlights F-35 jets have been used in attacks described by the UN as indiscriminate and disproportionate; recalls the Government itself warned of a clear risk of supply of F-35 parts enabling violations of international law; notes the Government's own figures showing Britain approved single issue licenses for £127.6 million worth of military equipment to Israel between October and December 2024, totalling more than 2020 to 2023 combined; further highlights the Foreign Secretary's new absolute commitment to take further action if needed; urges that such action is urgently needed and must include suspension of all arms exports; and further urges the Government publish export data of all military goods since October 2023, including senders, consignees, shippers, product descriptions, ports of origin and end-users, and to clarify how it determines and enforces where these goods are used and which uses it considers acceptable.

1311 Humanitarian aid into GazaTabled: **21/05/25** Signatories: **28****Mr Adnan Hussain****Ayoub Khan****Adrian Ramsay****Jeremy Corbyn****Sorcha Eastwood****Dr Simon Opher**

Iqbal Mohamed

Steve Witherden

Ellie Chowns

Ann Davies

Sam Rushworth

Liz Saville Roberts

Kirsty Blackman

Nadia Whittome

Claire Hanna

Brendan O'Hara

Kenneth Stevenson

Mary Kelly Foy

Ben Lake

Shockat Adam

Chris Law

Pete Wishart

Seamus Logan

Jon Trickett

Brian Leishman

Llinos Medi

Graham Leadbitter

Dave Doogan

That this House calls on the United Nations, alongside the Security Council, to take urgent action to facilitate humanitarian aid access to Gaza, in light of the statement by the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs that 14,000 babies will die in Gaza if aid supplies do not get in to Gaza immediately and in response to the urgency of the escalating humanitarian crisis; and, recognising the importance of international cooperation, urges all willing member states to contribute resources and support to ensure the uninterrupted delivery of essential aid to the civilian population of Gaza.

1312 Hillhead Primary School fundraising marathonTabled: **21/05/25** Signatories: **2****Martin Rhodes****Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates the pupils, staff, parents and wider community of Hillhead Primary School in Glasgow on raising over £1,500 through a marathon relay at Scotstoun Stadium to upgrade the school's outdoor spaces and play areas; applauds the 21 Primary 3 pupils, all aged between seven and eight, who collectively ran more than 100 laps to complete the full marathon distance of 26.2 miles; recognises the hard work and commitment of the parent organisers and supporters, whose efforts made the event a success; notes the inspiration provided by a message of encouragement from double Commonwealth Games gold medallist Eilish McColgan; celebrates the school community's spirit, determination and initiative in surpassing their original fundraising target of £500; and wishes Hillhead Primary continued success in improving their learning environment for the benefit of all pupils.

1313 Falkirk Delivers named Policing Partner of the Year for Forth ValleyTabled: **21/05/25** Signatories: **3****Euan Stainbank****Jim Shannon****Brian Leishman**

That this House congratulates Falkirk Delivers on being named Policing Partner of the Year for Forth Valley; notes that as the Business Improvement District for Falkirk town centre, it represents over 600 businesses and has worked closely with Police Scotland to support crime prevention, public safety, and community engagement; commends its initiatives including Retailers Against Crime, the ShopSafe radio scheme, taxi marshals, and naloxone deployment; further recognises its efforts in supporting police operations, sharing intelligence, promoting road safety and mental health awareness, and strengthening public order; and thanks Falkirk Delivers for its continued commitment to improving safety and supporting policing objectives across Falkirk and the wider area.

1314 Braes High School awarded Climate Action Project of the Year in Eco-Schools Scotland AwardsTabled: **21/05/25** Signatories: **2****Euan Stainbank****Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Braes High School in Falkirk on winning the Climate Action Project of the Year at the Eco-Schools Scotland 2025 Awards; commends the leadership and commitment of its pupils in promoting climate action and working with schools across

Falkirk to raise awareness; and wishes the school continued success in its efforts to champion sustainability and environmental education.

1315 Steins Thistle win Scottish Amateur Cup

Tabled: **21/05/25** Signatories: **3**

Euan Stainbank

Jim Shannon

Brian Leishman

That this House congratulates Steins Thistle on their historic victory in the Only Sport Scottish Amateur Cup final, defeating FC Pather 3-1 at Hampden Park; commends the players, coaching staff, and supporters for this outstanding achievement; recognises their qualification for next season's Scottish Cup; and wishes the team continued success as they build on this remarkable season.

1316 Horsham FC

Tabled: **21/05/25** Signatories: **4**

John Milne

Helen Maguire

Jim Shannon

Steve Darling

That this House congratulates Horsham Football Club on a historic 2024-25 season; commends the team for reaching the first-round proper of the FA Cup for the third time in four years, securing the Isthmian League title, and achieving promotion to the National League South for the first time in the club's history; praises their second consecutive Sussex Senior Cup victory, and celebrates their commitment to football development, including the introduction of a women's team; acknowledges the vital role of the club's volunteers in supporting youth teams and community initiatives; and wishes Horsham FC continued success in the National League South for the 2025-26 season.

1317 **Impact of No Recourse to Public Funds on child poverty**

Tabled: 21/05/25 Signatories: 15

Nadia Whittome**Olivia Blake****Tony Vaughan****Ms Diane Abbott****Abtisam Mohamed****Dr Simon Opher**

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Claire Hanna

Brian Leishman

Ben Lake

Llinos Medi

Liz Saville Roberts

Ann Davies

Shockat Adam

Carla Denyer

That this House recognises the urgent need for child poverty measures to include all children living in the UK, regardless of immigration status; notes with concern that an estimated 1.5 million children in families with migrant parents live in poverty, accounting for more than a third of the total number of children living in relative poverty according to new analysis by the Institute of Public Policy Research; further notes that twice the proportion of children in families with foreign-born parents are living in poverty compared to other children, 46% compared to 25%; also notes that an estimated 507,064 children had No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) as a condition of their visa at the end of 2023; notes that NRPF restrictions prevent families from accessing essential benefits including Child Benefit, leaving many in severe financial distress; highlights that the long-term impact of poverty on children's health, education, and wellbeing is well-documented; further notes that continuing to exclude children in migrant households from child poverty measures weakens the effectiveness of wider poverty reduction efforts; and calls on the Government to ensure that all legislative and policy initiatives aimed at tackling child poverty fully consider and address the needs of children affected by NRPF.

1318 **Progress in UK-EU relations**

Tabled: 21/05/25 Signatories: 24

James MacCleary**Helen Maguire****Wera Hobhouse****Adam Dance****Olly Glover****Victoria Collins**

Dr Al Pinkerton

Dr Danny Chambers

Layla Moran

Ian Roome

Tom Gordon

Dr Roz Savage

Monica Harding

Ben Maguire

Charlotte Cane

Anna Sabine

Alison Bennett

Zöe Franklin

Cameron Thomas
Calum Miller

Clive Jones
Carla Denyer

Steve Darling
Manuela Perteghella

That this House welcomes the steps taken at the recent reset Summit to improve UK-EU relations and move beyond the instability and confusion of recent years; recognises the potential for cooperation in areas such as science, defence and food trade to bring tangible benefits to people and businesses across the UK; regrets, however, that no formal commitment was made to establish a capped Youth Mobility Scheme, despite an agreement in principle and repeated calls from business and civil society; further regrets the Government's continued reticence to work towards a new, bespoke UK-EU customs union or agreement on deep alignment, which independent analysis suggests would deliver billions in economic growth and reduce red tape for exporters; notes with disappointment that there remains no progress on easing post-Brexit barriers for UK touring artists and performers, whose livelihoods continue to suffer from unnecessary bureaucracy and restrictions; and urges the Government to deliver progress against each of these areas, recognising the economic value to be gained by doing so and the importance of delivering more opportunities for our young people and performing artists.

1319 65 years of song from Kirkintilloch Ladies Choir

Tabled: **21/05/25** Signatories: **3**

Katrina Murray
Jim Shannon
Susan Murray

That this House congratulates Kirkintilloch Ladies Choir on their 65th anniversary; notes that their celebratory concert held on 10 May 2025 provided a diverse programme of music from the choir's wide repertoire; further notes that the aim of the choir is to promote the enjoyment of singing among women and provide entertainment to audiences both locally and further afield; also notes that the choir was founded in 1960 by Nan Duncan, a local music teacher who conducted the choir for 20 years; notes that to this day the choir rehearses on the same piano; further notes that the choir has always been based in Kirkintilloch and has its present rehearsal home in the Park Centre; also notes that when other choirs were not able to sustain themselves through and beyond the pandemic the choir were lucky to have musical director Stephen Langston and accompanist Nancy Burns who had the almost impossible task of conducting and accompanying online to the Zoom years, and it is thanks to them and the passionate persistence of members that the choir survived when so many up and down the country did not; notes that the joy of singing remains to be shared by the members of Kirkintilloch Ladies Choir and their audiences locally and nationally; and wishes them every success for the future.