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New EDMs

1500 **Terrance McCourt MBE**

Tabled: **18/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Patricia Ferguson

That this House congratulates Terrance McCourt on being awarded an MBE for services to veterans in Scotland as part of the King's Birthday Honours this year; thanks Mr McCourt, a former Parachute Regiment veteran and British Army Recruiting Sergeant, for his service to the country; recognises the important work he now does supporting veterans and their families in his role as the Secretary of the Glasgow Branch of the Parachute Regimental Association; and commends Mr McCourt for his fundraising initiatives, which have resulted in more than £500,000 being raised for the Soldiers', Sailors', and Airmen's Families Association over the past 25 years.

1501 **Include Me 2 family festival**

Tabled: **18/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Blair McDougall

That this House commends the hard work and dedication of the staff and volunteers at the Include Me 2 Club in organising their free family festival in Cowan Park, Barrhead on 21 June 2025; further commends the Include Me 2 Club for the excellent work that they do throughout the community in ensuring that people of all ages and abilities are treated equally, with

respect, and are able to have an enjoyable time, working to achieve any goals that they may have; and wishes everyone who is attending the festival an enjoyable day.

1502 **Monteiths and the Southside Bar at the Food Awards Scotland 2025**

Tabled: **18/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Blair McDougall

That this House congratulates Monteiths in Clarkston, and the Southside Bar in Giffnock on becoming finalists in the 11th Food Awards Scotland 2025 for Bar and Grill of the Year; notes the significance of this achievement, with two venues in East Renfrewshire constituency selected out of all the bar and grills across the entirety of the Scotland eligible for consideration; celebrates the high quality of hospitality both venues provide and the clear dedication of their staff; and offers both best wishes for the final.

1503 **UK trade with illegal settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories**

Tabled: **18/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Mr Will Forster

That this House notes with grave concern the recent announcement of 22 new Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, in clear violation of international law; further notes that trade with illegal settlements contributes to their entrenchment and expansion, undermining the prospects for a just and lasting peace; believes that the UK must uphold its commitment to international law and the rights of the Palestinian people; therefore calls on the Government to introduce legislation prohibiting trade between the UK and illegal settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories; and urges all UK companies to ensure their supply chains are not linked to or profiting from illegal settlements.

1504 **Street Croft Farm awards**

Tabled: **18/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Alex Brewer

That this House congratulates Street Croft Farm of North East Hampshire on being named the winner of the Country Alliance Awards Local Food and Drink category for the South East of England; notes that Street Croft Farm is a regenerative traditional farm and farm shop, café and market garden, with sheep, pigs, chickens and cows; recognises that Street Croft Farm also won the Muddy Stilettos award for Best Farm Shop and Deli in the south of England; acknowledges the hard work, creativity and dedication of the team at Street Croft Farm in supporting rural life and promoting local produce; commends the Countryside Alliance for creating a competition that celebrates the skills, produce and communities that sustain rural life; and wishes Street

Croft Farm the best of luck as they proceed to the UK finals, where they will compete against champions from the other home nations and regions of England.

1505 **Tewkesbury's links to the transatlantic slave trade**

Tabled: **18/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Cameron Thomas

That this House acknowledges Tewkesbury's connection to the transatlantic slave trade through historical political figures, including Sir William Codrington (1719–1792) and his nephew Christopher Bethell-Codrington (1764–1843), both Members of Parliament for Tewkesbury and owners of sugar plantations worked by enslaved people in Antigua and Barbados; notes that the latter received compensation following abolition; further notes William Dowdeswell (1721–1775), also MP for Tewkesbury, married Bridget Codrington and their son, William Dowdeswell (1760–1828), also served as MP for Tewkesbury and later as Governor of the Bahamas; commends the work of Tewkesbury Voices: Retain and Explain, founded by Councillor Emma Ash, Deputy Mayor of Tewkesbury Town Council, in raising understanding of Tewkesbury's connections to the transatlantic slave trade; anticipates the forthcoming Tewkesbury Monument Review through collaboration between Tewkesbury Historical Society and the University of Gloucestershire; recognises the work of Anti-Slavery Activism in Tewkesbury by Derek Benson and John Dixon's lecture on The Codrington Family Tree in the Age of Transatlantic Slavery; welcomes the hosting of the Abolition Medal at Tewkesbury Museum and the exhibition of the university, led by Dr Christian O'Connell with students Morgan Casley, Ella Stalker, and Sarah Crowe; and further recognises contributions from group members including Andrew Armstrong, Julian Bagg, Councillor Hilarie Bowman, Reverend Canon Nick Davies, Dr Veronica Davies, Sam Eedle, Peter Foster, Councillor Alan Hayes, Councillor Paul Jones, Olaide Kareem, Derrick McLean, Reverend Simon Phillips, Alan Purkiss, Councillor Catherine Robertson, Elanor Stanley and Patrick Webley.

1506 **Fracking moratorium and onshore fossil fuel exploration**

Tabled: **18/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Pippa Heylings

That this House welcomes the Government's continued commitment to the fracking moratorium, but expresses concern that current legislation defines hydraulic fracturing only by high fluid volume thresholds, excluding lower-volume techniques such as proppant squeeze which have previously caused seismic events, including at Preston New Road in Lancashire; notes that such methods, while technically outside the current definition, pose similar environmental and public safety risks; recognises the urgency of this issue, with proposals for proppant squeeze in North Yorkshire pending; and therefore calls on the Government to update planning legislation to include all forms of hydraulic fracturing within the moratorium to protect communities, meet seismic safety standards and align with the UK's climate commitments and transition to renewable energy

1507 Democracy in Hong KongTabled: **18/06/25** Signatories: **1****Calum Miller**

That this House believes this country has a proud record of standing up for Hong Kongers; condemns the Chinese Communist Party (CCP)'s interference in Hong Kong's democracy, including through the 2020 National Security Law; further condemns the CCP's efforts to intimidate Hong Kongers living abroad who are critical of the Chinese state; notes with grave concern that according to the Political Prisoner Database there are now over 1,600 political prisoners held in China, including Jimmy Lai; views as abhorrent CCP-sponsored efforts to threaten, intimidate and place bounties on democracy activists from Hong Kong who live in the UK through the distribution of posters and letters on UK soil to neighbours; further condemns actions by the Hong Kong authorities to intimidate and imprison the family members of Hong Kong democracy activists living in the UK; calls on the Government to put in place further mechanisms for pro-democracy Hong Kong activists to receive specific support in relation to allegations of intimidation by CCP-linked groups; further calls on the Government to support police training to help better identify cases of state-sponsored political intimidation; also calls on the Government to fill the gaps in the British National (Overseas) (BNO) visa scheme and to extend BNO integration funding for Hong Kongers in the UK for the duration of the Parliament; and calls for the inclusion of employees of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in London on the enhanced tier of the Foreign Influence Registration Scheme.

1508 Methanol poisoning, UK traveller safety and education in schoolsTabled: **18/06/25** Signatories: **1****Tom Morrison**

That this House is deeply concerned by ongoing deaths and serious injuries among UK nationals overseas caused by methanol poisoning, where industrial alcohol is unknowingly consumed in counterfeit or contaminated spirits; notes that methanol poisoning has occurred in countries including Indonesia, Laos, India, Brazil, Greece and within Europe; further notes the 2023 findings of coroner Alison Mutch following the death of a British citizen in Bali, highlighting low public awareness, inadequate Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office guidance and the lack of a UK Government campaign; regrets that UK travel advice requires users to navigate multiple sections and uses insufficiently strong language; contrasts this with the Australian Government's proactive approach to warning its citizens; recognises that methanol poisoning symptoms are often mistaken for ordinary alcohol intoxication, delaying life-saving treatment; is concerned that travel industry guidance, including that from ABTA, remains minimal; believes stronger public health messaging is urgently required, including clearer online advice, outreach through universities and GPs, and warning materials akin to cigarette packaging campaigns; supports the use of student ambassadors, visual media and real-life case studies to raise awareness; calls on the Government and travel industry to adopt a more robust and visible approach to informing travellers about the dangers of methanol poisoning and staying safe; and further believes that education on this should begin earlier, and supports the inclusion of methanol poisoning awareness within the PSHE curriculum in secondary schools, supported by

centrally developed teaching materials and audio-visual resources, to ensure young people are better equipped before travelling.

1509 **Scottish Government restrictions on NHS medical aid to Ukraine**

Tabled: **18/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House notes with concern that the Scottish Government placed restrictions on a donation of £800,000 worth of surplus NHS medical equipment to Ukraine, stipulating that it be used for civilian purposes only; further notes that this equipment, including ventilators, beds and oxygen concentrators, was requested by the Ukrainian Government for urgent medical use, including treating wounded soldiers near the front lines; regrets that Scottish Government officials sought assurance the aid would not be used in military hospitals, despite publicly declaring unqualified support for Ukraine's defence against Russian aggression; is concerned that this ideological restriction undermines practical efforts to save lives in Ukraine and fails to match the UK Government's unequivocal support, which has included humanitarian, financial and military aid; further notes expert views that nothing in international rules prevented the Scottish Government from donating the equipment unconditionally; and calls on the Scottish Government to remove any such restrictive conditions on future medical aid to Ukraine and ensure that all humanitarian support is offered in a manner that best supports the Ukrainian people's right to self-defence and survival.

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.

1396 **Scottish Opera wins Classical:NEXT Innovation Award**

Tabled: **4/06/25** Signatories: **12**

Martin Rhodes

Jim Shannon

Richard Baker

Maureen Burke

Seamus Logan

Patricia Ferguson

Kirsteen Sullivan

That this House congratulates Scottish Opera on being awarded the prestigious worldwide Classical: NEXT Innovation Award for its pioneering health and arts initiative, Breath Cycle; notes that the project, the first of its kind, which began in 2013, now supports people living with a range of respiratory conditions, including long covid; further notes that Breath Cycle has

engaged nearly 2,500 participants across Scotland, the wider UK and Europe; recognises the reported benefits to participants' mental and physical health, energy levels and confidence; and celebrates the recognition of Breath Cycle as a ground-breaking project that is shaping the future of classical music through bold, thoughtful and effective innovation in practice.

1407 **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**

Tabled: **5/06/25** Signatories: **21**

Rachael Maskell
Jo White
Apsana Begum
Richard Burgon
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Ian Lavery

Mr Will Forster

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House notes that 15 June 2025 marks World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD), an international occasion to highlight the abuse, neglect and exploitation experienced by older people; recognises the vital work of Hourglass, the only UK-wide charity dedicated to ending the abuse of older people, in supporting victim-survivors and raising awareness across communities; supports calls for more open, inclusive, and sustained dialogue about the abuse of older people to challenge stigma, support victim-survivors, and prevent future harm; further notes with concern that every year over 2.5 million people are affected by abuse, yet underreporting and public silence remain persistent barriers to action; calls on the Government to consult on a dedicated strategy to end violence and abuse against older people; and further calls on hon. Members to support WEEAD, amplify its message, and work towards a Safer Ageing Society where every older person is respected, heard, and protected.

1409 **Chinese Embassy**

Tabled: **5/06/25** Signatories: **50**

Calum Miller
Helen Maguire
James MacCleary
Dr Danny Chambers
Wendy Chamberlain
Vikki Slade

Zöe Franklin

Andrew Rosindell

That this House expresses deep concern about the proposed construction of a Chinese mega-Embassy in London; notes with alarm the potential national security risks which would result from the proposed Embassy, including an increased capacity for surveillance by the Chinese Communist Party; acknowledges the grave concerns raised by pro-democracy Chinese and Hong Kong activists about the proposals for a mega-Embassy; calls on the Government to

ensure that there is the right to peacefully and safely protest outside the proposed site of the Embassy; further calls on the Government to include all Chinese officials, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region officials and Chinese Communist Party-linked organisations on the enhanced tier of the Foreign Influence Registration Scheme; also calls on the Government to urgently publish its promised UK-China Audit, outlining the threats posed to the UK's values and interests by the Chinese Communist Party; and calls on the Government formally to block the construction of the new mega-Embassy.

1413 Hong Kong nationals in the UK

Tabled: **9/06/25** Signatories: **27**

Claire Young
Sarah Dyke
Liz Jarvis
Jim Shannon
Helen Maguire
Tom Gordon

Andrew Rosindell

That this House recognises the increasing pressures faced by Hong Kong nationals living in the United Kingdom, particularly those who have arrived under the British National (Overseas) visa route; notes with concern the reports of intimidation, surveillance, and community tensions exacerbated by actions of the Chinese state; acknowledges the vital contributions of the Hong Kong community to the UK's social, cultural, and economic life; further notes that Hong Kongers who have been welcomed to the United Kingdom and chosen to make it their home should not have to pay international university fees; and urges the Government to ensure robust protection of civil liberties, expand integration support services, and ensure the community is supported to live safely on our shores.

1427 King Richard III Visitor Centre

Tabled: **10/06/25** Signatories: **6**

Shockat Adam
Jim Shannon
Andrew George
Ayoub Khan
Dr Scott Arthur
Andrew Rosindell

That this House congratulates the King Richard III Visitor Centre in Leicester South constituency on being awarded the prestigious Silver Award for Excellence; recognises the Centre's outstanding contribution to heritage, education and tourism through its exhibits on the

discovery, life, death and reburial of King Richard III; and wishes the Centre continued success in welcoming visitors from across the UK and around the world.

1432 **Aberdeen's Sustainable Food Places gold award**

Tabled: **10/06/25** Signatories: **7**

Stephen Flynn
Jim Shannon
Kirsty Blackman
Chris Law
Seamus Logan
Graham Leadbitter

Dave Doogan

That the House congratulates the City of Aberdeen after being recognised as the latest awardee of the gold Sustainable Food Places award; understands that the Sustainable Food Places awards celebrates the success of those who take a holistic approach to sustainable and healthy food; recognises the cross-sector efforts of partners, stakeholders and communities towards achieving this milestone, including Granite City Good Food and CFINE who host and support the coordination of the project across the city; notes that Aberdeen was first recognised as a sustainable food place in 2018, and has now joined only a handful of places in the UK to have achieved the gold award; and further congratulates all involved in achieving this milestone and making the city of Aberdeen a healthy, affordable and sustainable place to eat.

1433 **Impact of EU 90/180 day rule on UK citizens**

Tabled: **10/06/25** Signatories: **34**

James MacCleary
Wendy Chamberlain
Lisa Smart
John Milne
Edward Morello
Sarah Dyke

Zöe Franklin

That this House is deeply concerned about the damaging impact of the EU's 90-day limit within a 180-day period on British touring artists, professional drivers, and tourists; notes that current rules severely restrict the mobility and economic opportunities of musicians, performers, lorry and coach drivers, and British travellers who depend on working and travelling across Europe for their livelihoods; further notes that with the EU's Entry/Exit System beginning stringent monitoring from October, haulage and coach companies could see revenue reductions of up to 50 per cent, threatening their viability; observes that this situation is unfairly asymmetrical, as EU nationals visiting the UK can stay for up to six months per visit, placing British citizens at a disadvantage; and therefore urges immediate action to negotiate a reciprocal agreement with

the EU that ensures fair and equal terms for British lorry drivers, coach drivers, travellers, artists and performers, securing their livelihoods and strengthening mutual benefits for both sides.

1434 Unpaid Care Dashboard

Tabled: **10/06/25** Signatories: **36**

Alison Bennett

Lisa Smart

Sarah Dyke

Rachel Gilmour

Clive Jones

Jim Shannon

Zöe Franklin

That this House commends the second report of the Health and Social Care Committee of Session 2024–25 on Adult Social Care: the Cost of Inaction, published on 5 May 2025; agrees with their conclusion that unpaid carers are bearing the highest cost from successive governments' failures to reform adult social care; further commends the statement by Dr Maria Petrillo of the Centre for Care, University of Sheffield, in oral evidence to the Committee, that the care they provide is worth an estimated £184 billion, which, to contextualise, is equivalent to the combined NHS budget across the four nations; congratulates the Centre for Care, in conjunction with Carers UK, in launching the Unpaid Care Dashboard, freely available to the public, to help explore patterns and demographics of unpaid care to support policymakers, practitioners, and the public in their efforts to address the needs of the carers; and calls on the UK and Welsh Governments to promote the value of the Unpaid Care Dashboard as part of their strategies to meet the needs of the millions of people who care unpaid for family or friends.

1437 Access to Electric Vehicle charging for social housing residents

Tabled: **11/06/25** Signatories: **21**

Charlotte Cane

Ellie Chowns

Jim Shannon

Adam Dance

Steve Darling

Mr Will Forster

Zöe Franklin

That this House recognises the urgent need to support the transition to electric vehicles (EVs) to help tackle climate change and clean up polluted air as part of the UK's net zero commitments; notes that residents in social housing may face practical challenges in installing EV chargers, particularly where parking arrangements or infrastructure limitations exist; further notes that some mobility vehicles are now only available in electric form, making access to home charging essential for independence and accessibility; acknowledges the potential benefits of expanding

EV charging access, including reduced transport costs and improved air quality; welcomes efforts to make it cheaper and easier for all drivers to switch to electric vehicles; calls for urgent progress in expanding residential on-street charging and local grid capacity; further calls on the Government to work collaboratively with housing associations and local authorities to develop clear, supportive policies that enable social housing residents to make minor, cost-neutral adjustments, such as reallocating parking spaces, to facilitate EV charging where feasible; and encourages housing providers to proactively support social housing residents in adopting cleaner transport by enabling practical, low-cost solutions to charging access.

1438 School shooting in Graz

Tabled: **11/06/25** Signatories: **11**

Jo White
Ellie Chowns
Jim Shannon
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Llinos Medi

Andrew Rosindell

That this House expresses its shock at the school shooting in Graz, Austria; and conveys its deepest sympathies to the victims, their families and the wider city of Graz.

1439 Care Home Open Week 2025

Tabled: **11/06/25** Signatories: **8**

Paulette Hamilton
Ellie Chowns
Jim Shannon
Carla Denyer
Ayoub Khan
Andrew George

Tristan Osborne

That this House welcomes Care Home Open Week 2025, taking place from 16 to 22 June, as a national initiative that opens care homes to their communities, promoting engagement, understanding, and support for the social care sector; commends Championing Social Care for leading this important work, including the Great British Care Cycle Relay; recognises the dedication of care workers and the vital role they play in supporting older and vulnerable people; and encourages hon. Members to visit a care home in their constituency to show support for local care teams and residents.

1445 20th anniversary of Midsomer Norton and Radstock Dial-a-RideTabled: **11/06/25** Signatories: **9**

Anna Sabine
Jim Shannon
Adam Dance
Sarah Gibson
Clive Jones
Mr Angus MacDonald

Zöe Franklin

That this House congratulates Midsomer Norton and Radstock Dial-a-Ride on its 20th anniversary; notes the vital service it provides to residents in the area, particularly older people and those with mobility difficulties, helping them to stay connected and independent; recognises the dedication of its drivers, staff and volunteers over the past two decades; and calls on the Government to ensure sustainable long-term funding for community transport services which play such an essential role in reducing isolation and supporting community wellbeing.

1448 Sentencing in Bhim Kohli caseTabled: **12/06/25** Signatories: **8**

Shockat Adam
Mr Peter Bedford
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Andrew George
Jim Shannon
Iqbal Mohamed

Ms Diane Abbott

Sir Julian Lewis

That this House notes the sentences handed to the individuals responsible for the brutal and fatal attack on 80-year-old Mr Bhim Kohli in Braunstone Town; further notes with grave concern that Mr Kohli, a much-loved family man and respected member of the local community, died the day after he was violently assaulted in a racially motivated attack; notes the widespread public concern at those sentences; expresses heartfelt condolences to Mr Kohli's family, friends and neighbours; recognises the profound impact this horrific crime has had on the community; and calls on the Attorney General to urgently review the sentences under the Unduly Lenient Sentence scheme to ensure that justice is served and that those who commit such heinous and racially motivated crimes are held fully accountable.

1449 Diabetes Week 2025Tabled: **12/06/25** Signatories: **20**

Sarah Dyke
Mr Will Forster
Helen Maguire
Lisa Smart
Martin Wrigley
Adam Dance

Zöe Franklin

Tristan Osborne

That this House commemorates Diabetes Week 2025; notes that 5.8 million in the UK are living with diabetes; understands that without the right support, diabetes can lead to other long-term conditions and complications like sight loss, amputations, stroke and heart disease; is concerned that more than 1 in 3 people are not getting all the checks they need; recognises the role that the UK's broken food system plays in people developing long-term health conditions such as diabetes; further notes with regret that healthier foods are more than twice as expensive per calories than less healthy foods and less available; is worried by research from the Food Foundation highlighting that the most deprived fifth of the population would need to spend 45% of their disposable income on food to afford the government-recommended healthy diet; further recognises with regret that the UK only produce 17% of the fresh fruit and 55% of the fresh vegetables that we consume; and calls for the Government to provide support for homegrown produce following the closure of the Fruit and Vegetable Aid Scheme in December 2024 and to commit to an additional £1bn a year in support for farmers to ensure they can continue to produce high quality food for our tables while protecting and enhancing our natural environment.

1450 Men's Health Week 2025 (No. 2)Tabled: **12/06/25** Signatories: **13**

Mr Angus MacDonald
Mr Will Forster
Helen Maguire
Martin Wrigley
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Clive Jones

Dr Danny Chambers

Torcuil Crichton

That this House marks the end of Men's Health Week 2025 and recognises the continuing crisis in men's mental health; notes with concern that suicide is the leading cause of death among men under 50, with rates highest among those in middle age; welcomes the Government's commitment to a men's health strategy and urges the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to make suicide prevention a central focus; recognises the importance of increasing capacity and coordination across mental health services to end out-of-area placements, expanding support for young people up to the age of 25, and removing prescription charges

for those with chronic mental health conditions; and commends the vital work of Highlands-based charities including Lochaber Hope, Ewan's Room and Centred in supporting men's mental health across the region.

1451 **UK Government recognition of the state of Palestine**

Tabled: **12/06/25** Signatories: **105**

Andy McDonald
Richard Burgon
Abtisam Mohamed
Brian Leishman
Calum Miller
Brendan O'Hara

Graham Leadbitter Jamie Stone

That this House notes the high-level international conference for the peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine and the implementation of the two-state solution of 17-20 June 2025; welcomes the Prime Minister's remarks that Palestinian statehood is the inalienable right of the Palestinian people; reaffirms the position of the House of 13 October 2014 that the Government should recognise the state of Palestine alongside the state of Israel as a contribution to securing a negotiated two state solution; and urges the Government to use the upcoming UN conference to declare its recognition of the state of Palestine.

1455 **South Western Railway and zero waste to landfill**

Tabled: **12/06/25** Signatories: **10**

Mr Will Forster
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Helen Maguire
Adam Dance
Clive Jones
Wera Hobhouse

Zöe Franklin

That this House congratulates South Western Railway on achieving zero waste to landfill since 2018; recognises the hard work of people on the ground sorting individual bins to achieve this milestone, from train presentation teams to waste segregation officers, who have helped show how corporations can achieve sustainability; welcomes SWR's recent video, The Journey of a Coffee Cup, launched to coincide with World Environment Day 2025, a display of the rail company's effective waste management practices; notes that SWR recycles more than any other train operating company in the UK; and encourages the new government transport provider to follow its example in embedding sustainability throughout their operations when more railways become nationalised.

1457 Support for farmersTabled: **13/06/25** Signatories: **44**

Tim Farron
Clive Jones
Helen Maguire
Lisa Smart
Mr Lee Dillon
Liz Jarvis

Zöe Franklin

Dr Danny Chambers

That this House recognises with deep concern the Chancellor's Spending Review decision to cut the DEFRA budget in real terms by 2.3% annually, with a real terms cut to the farming budget of around £100m; understands budget cuts will have potentially devastating consequences for the environment, the rural economy, farming communities and food security whilst creating uncertainty for the funding of regulatory bodies such as Natural England and the Environment Agency; notes that this cut comes at a time of great uncertainty for farming businesses after the botched transition, bungled trade deals and budget underspend overseen by the Conservatives in government; further notes the risks to farming businesses caused by the Government's changes to Inheritance Tax, the accelerated phase out of the Basic Payments Scheme and the sudden closure of Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) applications; calls on the Government to confirm what impact DEFRA budget cuts will have on the rural economy, food security and climate and nature goals; further calls on the Government to clarify which scheme(s) will be provided funding with the £400m allocated for nature and the £300m unallocated under the farming budget; and urges the Government to properly fund profitable, sustainable and nature-friendly farming with an extra £1 billion a year for Environmental Land Management Schemes (ELMS) to make sure our farmers can continue to feed the nation, protect and enhance our natural environment.

1459 John GillespieTabled: **16/06/25** Signatories: **6**

Richard Baker
Jim Shannon
Katrina Murray
Dr Scott Arthur
Brian Leishman
Kate Osborne

That this House recognises the tremendous achievements of the late John Gillespie of Leslie who, in his role as leader for Unite Fife and chairman for Unite Scotland, was a tireless campaigner for social justice and a much-admired and respected figure for countless workers and organisations throughout the Kingdom and beyond; acknowledges John's contribution to worker's rights in Fife and across Scotland through his leadership of local and national trade

union campaigns and through his role as skilled negotiator; and expresses condolences to John's family and all those who had the privilege to work and campaign alongside him.

1462 **150th Anniversary of the Founding of Bracoden School, Banffshire**

Tabled: **16/06/25** Signatories: **7**

Seamus Logan
Jim Shannon
Kirsty Blackman
Graham Leadbitter
Stephen Gethins
Brendan O'Hara

Dave Doogan

That this House congratulates the headteacher, staff and pupils of Bracoden School, Gardenstown, Banffshire, on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the school in 1875; notes that the school's initial focus was on teaching traditional subjects to prepare students for local vocations, including navigation, reflecting Gardenstown's long maritime heritage; understands the school has played a key role in preserving local history, from working with the local community on wartime projects to partnering with local historians publishing a history of the school with proceeds going to local good causes; recognises the school's achievement in 2022 in being awarded an Excellence in Professional Learning Award for Schools and Learning Communities by the General Teaching Council for Scotland; further notes that throughout its history, Bracoden School has demonstrated resilience, adaptability, and a firm commitment to both scholastic achievement and personal development; and wishes the headteacher, staff and pupils continued success in the future.

1463 **World darts victory**

Tabled: **16/06/25** Signatories: **5**

Jim Allister
Jim Shannon
Robin Swann
Alex Easton
Andrew Rosindell

That this House congratulates Josh Rock and Daryl Gurney on clinching Northern Ireland's historic first ever World Cup of Darts with their splendid weekend victory in Germany.

1465 Slip road safetyTabled: **16/06/25** Signatories: **4****Mr Lee Dillon****Jess Brown-Fuller****Sarah Dyke****Mr Angus MacDonald**

That this House notes with concern the unsafe nature of the slip roads on the A34, particularly between Oxford and Newbury; is alarmed by the short length of many slip roads, which provide insufficient distance for vehicles to accelerate safely to match the speed of traffic on the A34 or, in some cases, force drivers to stop altogether at the end of the slip road, creating extremely unsafe conditions; further notes that numerous slip roads are situated on steep gradients and sharp bends, requiring drivers to slow down significantly to exit safely; acknowledges that these issues are widespread along the stretch of the A34 from Oxford to Southampton and recognises the A34 as one of the most heavily used A roads in the region; welcomes the work being undertaken by National Highways through the A34 North and South of Oxford Study and the preparation of recommendations to Government; and urges the Government to provide the necessary financial support and to work closely with National Highways to implement urgent safety improvements to slip roads on the A34 to protect all road users.

1466 Learning Disability Week 2025Tabled: **16/06/25** Signatories: **13****Mr Lee Dillon****Helen Maguire****Wera Hobhouse****Jim Shannon****Jess Brown-Fuller****Claire Young****Mr Angus MacDonald****Steve Darling****Dr Danny Chambers**

That this House commemorates Learning Disability Week 2025; notes that this year's theme is Do You See Me, which aims to ensure that people with a learning disability are seen, heard, included, and valued in all aspects of life, while celebrating the contributions that people with learning disabilities make to society; congratulates The Yume Project in Newbury, West Berkshire, an independent provider of day activities for adults with learning disabilities, on hosting a free arts exhibition to mark Learning Disability Week; recognises the hard work and dedication of The Yume Project, which was formed by a group of former care workers made redundant after cuts to the council's adult social care services in 2011, with the council subsequently providing funding and training to help the group become established and support those without access to services; and calls on the Government to provide additional support to local authorities to help sustain projects such as this.

1467 UK-US Trade Deal and animal welfare and farmingTabled: **16/06/25** Signatories: **18****Pippa Heylings****Helen Maguire****Wera Hobhouse****Jim Shannon****Jess Brown-Fuller****Martin Wrigley**

Mr Angus MacDonald

Zöe Franklin

Dr Danny Chambers

Helen Morgan

That this House notes with concern the announcement on 8 May 2025 of the UK-US Trade Deal which significantly expands tariff-free access for US beef exports from 1,000 to 13,000 tonnes annually; further notes that while the Government has stated that sanitary and phytosanitary standards must be maintained, the deal does not address the lower animal welfare standards under which US beef is often produced; is concerned that the widespread use of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations in the US, involving intensive confinement, routine use of antibiotics, and limited environmental oversight, creates an unfair economic advantage over UK producers who operate under higher animal welfare, environmental, and food safety standards; and calls on the Government to ensure all future trade agreements do not undermine the animal or environmental standards of UK farmers to ensure fairness and food security.

1468 New blood cancer drugTabled: **16/06/25** Signatories: **18****Clive Jones [R]****Helen Maguire****Wera Hobhouse****Jim Shannon****Jess Brown-Fuller****Martin Wrigley**

Mr Angus MacDonald

Steve Darling

Zöe Franklin

Helen Morgan

Tristan Osborne

That this House notes that blood cancer is the UK's third largest cancer killer and that myeloma remains an incurable blood cancer; welcomes the recent announcement that the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence have approved belantamab mafodotin to treat myeloma; further welcomes that eligible patients in the UK will be the first in the world to have access to the innovative drug; congratulates the hard work of the scientists who are at the forefront of fighting cancer; and calls on the Government to make the UK a superpower in cancer research.

1469 Hospitalfield Arts garden award at the RHS Chelsea Flower ShowTabled: **16/06/25** Signatories: **4**

Stephen Gethins
Jim Shannon
Graham Leadbitter
Dave Doogan

That this House congratulates Arbroath charity, Hospitalfield Arts, on their recent award of a silver-gilt medal at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show; commends renowned garden designer Nigel Dunnett on his award-winning design of the garden focusing on strategic planting; notes that the design of the garden was inspired by the coastal location of Hospitalfield Arts and features a dramatic, highly sculptural dune landscape; highlights the efforts of all involved and gives thanks to Lucy Byatt, Director of Hospitalfield; and looks forward to the relocation of the garden at Ladyloan Primary School in Arbroath to inspire the next generation of artists.

1471 Wild Waters FestivalTabled: **16/06/25** Signatories: **6**

Brian Mathew
Jim Shannon
Martin Wrigley
Sarah Dyke
Mr Angus MacDonald
Wera Hobhouse

That this House celebrates the first Wild Waters Festival involving 13 parishes along the River Avon and its tributaries, from Box to Wingfield via Bradford on Avon; recognises the need to protect our rivers and the role of the Wild Waters Festival 2025 as a part of this effort; further recognises the effects of climate change and flooding on residents and local businesses across the South West; notes the effort made to put together a wide range of activities, including walks, documentary screenings, workshops, quizzes and scientific talks; and congratulates the Wild Waters Festival organising team and volunteers on a very successful event.

1473 Three Dads WalkingTabled: **16/06/25** Signatories: **7**

Llinos Medi
Ann Davies
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Mr Gregory Campbell
Jim Shannon

Dr Neil Hudson

That this House applauds the outstanding efforts of the Three Dads Walking as they embark on an eight-day walking challenge to raise money for services dedicated to the prevention of young suicide; notes that on the eve of Father's Day, Andy Airey from Cumbria, Mike Palmer from Ynys Môn, and Tim Owen from Norfolk began a 130-mile trek along the Ynys Môn Coastal Path; commends the three for walking in memory of their daughters Sophie Airey, Beth Palmer, and Emily Owen; further notes that the three are aiming to raise £30,000 for PAPYRUS Prevention of Young Suicide, a charity dedicated to the prevention of suicide and the promotion of positive mental health and emotional wellbeing in young people; highlights that the charity has warned of cuts to its HOPELINE247 service, which provides a vital helpline for children and young people in crisis; is deeply concerned that suicide is the biggest killer of those under 35 in the UK with around 200 teenagers take their own lives every year; and praises Andy, Mike and Tim for advocating for suicide prevention measures and raising awareness over this important issue.

1475 Peter Krykant (No. 2)Tabled: **16/06/25** Signatories: **5**

Euan Stainbank
Wendy Chamberlain
Jim Shannon
Dr Scott Arthur
Torcuil Crichton

That this House expresses its sadness at the passing of Peter Krykant and its condolences to Peter's family and friends; celebrates Peter's pioneering work on drug reform and tireless campaigning on behalf of some of the most vulnerable in society; and notes that Peter's leadership through his mobile unit has prevented overdoses, the spread of blood-borne viruses and saved lives.

1477 Disturbance from small aircraftTabled: **16/06/25** Signatories: **3**

Freddie van Mierlo
Sarah Dyke
Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House notes with concern the growing number of complaints from residents regarding the persistent noise nuisance caused by small aircraft flying low over homes and gardens, often for recreational or training purposes; further notes the distress and disruption this causes to local communities, affecting quality of life and mental wellbeing; recognises that noise pollution is a serious environmental health issue linked to stress, sleep disturbance and other long-term health effects; is concerned that emissions from light aircraft contribute to local air pollution and undermine efforts to tackle the climate crisis; and calls on the Government to conduct a review of small aircraft operations over residential areas, including flight paths, permitted altitudes, and emissions standards.

1478 Better Business Day campaign and the Company Directors (Duties) BillTabled: **16/06/25** Signatories: **20**

Martin Wrigley
Helen Maguire
Jim Shannon
Pippa Heylings
Jamie Stone
Wera Hobhouse

Mr Angus MacDonald
Dr Simon Opher

Zöe Franklin

Dr Danny Chambers

That this House welcomes Better Business Day and congratulates all those involved in raising awareness of the Better Business Act campaign, which seeks to amend company law to ensure directors have a duty to advance the interests of shareholders while also considering the wider community and the environment; recognises that this campaign reflects growing public and investor demand for responsible and sustainable business practices; further recognises the constructive engagement between campaigners, businesses and hon. Members during Better Business Day, fostering cross-party dialogue on how company law reform can strengthen long-term economic resilience; notes the broad support for the proposed Better Business Act from businesses including Iceland, Tony's Chocolonely, Olio, Bloom & Wild, Charlie Bigham's, Forest, Danone, Virgin Group, Little Moons, Gü, and ELEMIS, and from organisations such as ShareAction, the Institute of Directors and the RSPB; calls on the Government to bring forward legislation to move company law from a system of shareholder primacy to one of stakeholder primacy; and urges the Government to support the hon. Member for Newton Abbot's Company Directors (Duties) Bill to ensure businesses deliver for people, communities and the environment.

1479 High street gambling reformTabled: **16/06/25** Signatories: **13****Dawn Butler****Jim Shannon****Paulette Hamilton****Ms Diane Abbott****Ellie Chowns****Alison Hume**

Ayoub Khan

Martin Wrigley

Tristan Osborne

That this House notes with concern that local authorities currently lack sufficient powers to regulate the spread of gambling premises due to the statutory aim to permit duty set out in the Gambling Act 2005; further notes that this duty restricts councils' ability to reject applications for new gambling venues even in areas already saturated with such establishments or where serious concerns have been raised by residents, police, or public health officials; is alarmed by the clustering of gambling venues in economically challenged communities, where they contribute to rising levels of poverty, debt, and mental health problems; recognises that gambling harm is a growing public health issue, with an estimated annual cost of £1.77 billion to the NHS and related services; and acknowledges the need for greater local democratic control over licensing decisions to better reflect the needs and wellbeing of local communities.

1480 One hundredth anniversary of the Royal Research Ship DiscoveryTabled: **16/06/25** Signatories: **7****Chris Law****Jim Shannon****Graham Leadbitter****Dr Scott Arthur****Dave Doogan****Stephen Gethins**

Andrew Rosindell

That this House celebrates the one hundredth anniversary of the designation of the internationally significant Discovery as a Royal Research Ship (RRS); notes that the Discovery was first launched by the Dundee Shipbuilders Company in 1901 and carried Robert Falcon Scott, Ernest Shackleton and their crew to the Antarctic on their Discovery Expedition from 1901 until 1904; recognises the continued importance of the RRS Discovery to the city of Dundee as both a museum and a visitor attraction; thanks all at Dundee Heritage Trust for all they do to maintain and preserve the RRS Discovery and its legacy; further recognises that, to mark the centenary, Dundee Heritage Trust have announced the 2012 RRS Discovery will be returning to the city; welcomes the announcement from the National Lottery Heritage Fund in March of a £3.55million grant to safeguard the ship for future generations; believes that the RRS Discovery should rightly be preserved for many generations as a symbol of the UK's ground-breaking

work in polar research and its contribution to base samples in what is now viewed as climate science; and wishes all at the Dundee Heritage Trust and the RRS Discovery the best ahead of the celebration events later this year.

1481 **Animals**

Tabled: **16/06/25** Signatories: **9**

Jim Allister
Sir Desmond Swayne
Sir Julian Lewis
Carla Lockhart
Alex Easton
Jim Shannon

Andrew Rosindell

That the Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 526), dated 28 April 2025, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29 April, be annulled.

1482 **Northern Ireland success in World Cup of Darts final**

Tabled: **16/06/25** Signatories: **4**

Jim Shannon
Mr Gregory Campbell
Dr Scott Arthur
Andrew Rosindell

That this House notes the success of Northern Ireland, winning the World Cup of Darts for the first time with a fantastic victory over Wales; highlights the team of Daryl Gurney and Josh Rock, who overcame two-time champions Gerwyn Price and Jonny Clayton 10-9 in Frankfurt; further notes that this is the first time the pair played together and that this victory will go a long way in motivating other young athletes to pursue their dreams; congratulates both Daryl and Josh on their success; and wishes them all the best for the future of their careers in darts.

1484 Mandatory data collection of child sexual offendersTabled: **17/06/25** Signatories: **7**

Rupert Lowe [R]
Mr Peter Bedford
Jim Allister
Alex Easton
Sir Gavin Williamson
Jim Shannon

Andrew Rosindell

That this House notes with deep concern the continued failures in data collection related to child sexual abuse, particularly in cases involving group-based exploitation; recognises that accurate and consistent demographic data is essential for identifying patterns, developing prevention strategies and restoring public confidence; expresses concern that a significant number of local authorities and police forces do not currently record or report the nationality, religion, ethnicity, or immigration status of perpetrators; further notes that a recent audit conducted by the independent Rape Gang Inquiry found that only 9 out of 379 councils were able to provide such data; believes that this lack of transparency hinders justice and accountability; and therefore calls on His Majesty's Government to introduce mandatory, standardised national data collection for all agencies involved in safeguarding, requiring the recording of the nationality, religion, ethnicity and immigration status of all those convicted of, or under investigation for, offences relating to the sexual exploitation and abuse of children.

1485 John Picken's whisky label artworkTabled: **17/06/25** Signatories: **3**

Wendy Chamberlain
Mr Angus MacDonald
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates 91-year-old John Picken, a resident at Leven Beach Care Home in North East Fife, on winning a national competition to design a limited-edition whisky bottle label to mark Father's Day; notes that the competition was organised by care home provider Meallmore Ltd, with entries submitted from across its 26 homes and over 500 votes cast in a public ballot; recognises John's beautiful painting of a sunrise on the Leven promenade, inspired by a photo taken by activity co-ordinator Vickie Dodds; further notes John's dedication of his winning piece to his wife Margaret and to his best buddy Vickie; welcomes the presentation of the first bottle featuring John's label at a celebration with his family and fellow residents; commends Meallmore Ltd for showcasing the talents of older people through creative initiatives; and wishes John a happy 92nd birthday in August and continued enjoyment of his artwork.

1486 50th anniversary of SummerstonTabled: **17/06/25** Signatories: **2****Martin Rhodes****Jim Shannon**

That this House celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Summerston community in Glasgow; notes that the first residents moved into the area in late 1974, laying the foundations for what has become a vibrant and resilient neighbourhood; recognises the strong sense of community that has developed over the decades, shaped by the dedication and civic spirit of local people; commends the Summerston Community and Environmental Group for its ongoing work to enhance the local environment and mark this important milestone; acknowledges the valuable contributions of the North Maryhill, Acre and Summerston Community Council and other community organisations in supporting local initiatives and fostering civic engagement; believes that active community involvement is vital to the wellbeing and future of areas like Summerston; and wishes the community continued success in the years ahead.

1487 Christian persecution in Nasarawa State, NigeriaTabled: **17/06/25** Signatories: **5****Sammy Wilson****Jim Allister****Jim Shannon****Andrew George****Andrew Rosindell**

That this House notes with extreme concern reports of recent widespread Jihadist-driven attacks in Nigeria, including intelligence from 26 May 2025 of a Fulani militia meeting at Agyaragu settlement in Obi Local Government Area of Nasarawa State; further notes that the intelligence reported plans to target Christian-majority settlements including Yelewata, Okohol, Udei, Yogbo, and Uikpam in neighbouring Guma Local Government Area of Benue State, with militants allegedly incentivised by a bounty for each member of the TIV ethnic group killed; and calls on the UK Government and the Nigerian authorities to take more effective action to protect vulnerable communities and to bring to justice those responsible.

1488 Harmful chemicals in period productsTabled: **17/06/25** Signatories: **24****Martin Wrigley****Tom Morrison****Wendy Chamberlain****Claire Hanna****Sorcha Eastwood****Sarah Dyke**

Christine Jardine

Mr Will Forster

Steve Darling

Zöe Franklin

Dr Danny Chambers

Andy McDonald

Victoria Collins

Jim Shannon

Colum Eastwood

Ms Diane Abbott

Andrew George

Layla Moran

Mr Angus MacDonald

Rachel Gilmour

Ayoub Khan

Adam Dance

Wera Hobhouse

Pippa Heylings

That this House notes that recent testing by PAN UK and the Women's Environmental Network found glyphosate, a probable carcinogen, in period products; further notes that tests on period products over the last 20 years have also found them to include a range of potentially harmful chemicals, heavy metals and pesticides; notes that research has shown period products to be an important and much overlooked source of exposure to endocrine disrupting substances for women, girls and those who menstruate; expresses concern that period products remain largely unregulated; calls on the Government to deliver robust testing of period products and to introduce a legal requirement for manufacturers to disclose the ingredients and additives used in their period products; and further calls for all period products provided in schools and public facilities to meet high standards for safety and health.

1489 Proposed closure of Drumchapel Post OfficeTabled: **17/06/25** Signatories: **2****Patricia Ferguson****Jim Shannon**

That this House notes with concern the proposed closure of Drumchapel Post Office in the Glasgow West constituency; understands that Postmaster Christopher Allan, who took over the Hecla Avenue Post Office branch in Drumchapel shopping centre six years ago, has been given notice of plans to relocate the branch to another area; recognises that the plans are currently under review, and that over 4,000 people have signed a petition in support of Mr Allan and the Post Office branch; further notes that Mr Allan has dedicated over 19 years of his life to the Post Office and was recently awarded compensation as a victim of the Horizon IT scandal; commends Mr Allan for transforming the Hecla Avenue branch, which, under his care, has improved its local footfall from 800 to 2,200 customers a week; and also notes that its closure would result in the loss of a family business and an asset to the Drumchapel community.

1490 Closure of the Renfrew FerryTabled: **17/06/25** Signatories: **2****Patricia Ferguson****Jim Shannon**

That this House notes that the historic Renfrew Ferry has ceased making crossings of the River Clyde between Renfrew and Yoker; further notes that a ferry made this journey for over two hundred years with the current service being in operation for over one hundred years; expresses thanks to the staff and Clydelink operators who provided a boat service carrying pedestrians and cyclists across the River Clyde seven days a week, without public subsidy; also notes the importance of the ferry in connecting the communities of Renfrew and Yoker; and recognises that the Renfrew Ferry had become redundant after the opening of the new Renfrew Bridge, and was the last regular ferry service across the Clyde.

1491 Scottish bathing water qualityTabled: **17/06/25** Signatories: **5****Dave Doogan****Jim Shannon****Graham Leadbitter****Brendan O'Hara****Seamus Logan**

That this House celebrates the record number of designated bathing waters in Scotland now rated Excellent for water quality; welcomes the start of the 2025 bathing water season; commends the Scottish Environment Protection Agency for its science-led approach to monitoring and regulation; notes the 10th anniversary of the first samples taken under the revised Bathing Water Directive, which introduced more rigorous water quality standards and enhanced public information; recognises the key role of investment in wastewater infrastructure, improved agricultural practices and targeted pollution control in water quality management; and acknowledges the importance of clean bathing waters to public health, wellbeing, tourism and community pride.

1492 Military escalation between Israel and IranTabled: **17/06/25** Signatories: **5****Brian Leishman****John McDonnell****Bell Ribeiro-Addy****Jeremy Corbyn****Apsana Begum**

That this House expresses immense concern at the escalating military confrontation between Israel and Iran, which has already claimed hundreds of civilian lives and risks igniting a full-

scale regional war; notes that both the Israeli Government and Iranian regime have long records of repressing dissent, violating international law, and disregarding civilian life; believes this crisis stems from militarism, occupation, foreign interference, and a collective failure to prioritise diplomacy, justice, and human rights; recognises that the recent escalation has been fuelled by Israel's occupation of Palestinian land, repeated unilateral cross-border military actions and growing defiance of international laws; condemns the Iranian regime's repression of its people, persecution of women and minorities, and destabilising regional role – including its military support for armed terrorist groups and repeated threats against Israel; further notes with alarm mounting evidence that elements within the Israeli state view this escalation as part of a wider strategy to overthrow the Iranian government – an ambition that risks broader regional conflict and destabilisation, with potentially severe consequences for civilian populations; further condemns the UK's complicity through continued arms sales and diplomatic cover, enabling not only the collective punishment of Palestinians but now broader regional escalation; calls on the Government to demand an immediate ceasefire, end arms sales to all parties involved and support diplomatic efforts to de-escalate tensions; and reaffirms this House's commitment to a foreign policy based on international law, human rights, and the pursuit of lasting peace and dignity for all peoples in the region.

1493 **Farmers, growers and the supermarket supply chain**

Tabled: **17/06/25** Signatories: **14**

Andrew George
Rebecca Long Bailey
Sir John Hayes
Ann Davies
John McDonnell
Rachel Gilmour

Jim Allister
 Martin Wrigley

Mr Angus MacDonald
 Adam Dance

Jim Shannon
 Wera Hobhouse

That this House recognises that farmers and growers, in the UK and overseas, require fair dealing in the grocery supply chain in order to survive and thrive; welcomes the 2008 Competition Commission Inquiry which found that larger retailers and supermarkets often abused their power by transferring excessive risk and unexpected cost to suppliers and then created the Grocery Supply Code of Practice (GSCOP) in 2009 and then the Grocery Code Adjudicator (GCA) in 2013, which established the beginnings of a framework on which to build fairer trading relationships in the grocery supply chain; welcomes some outward positive trends, including that GSCOP fair trade breaches reduced from 79% to 36% between 2014 and 2023; recognises that farmers and overseas exporters, who are not directly covered under the scope of the GSCOP, are subjected to unfair trading practices by large UK corporate buyers as risks and costs are passed along the supply chain where many unfair and abusive behaviours remain masked by a climate of fear or remain unchecked; notes that the petition entitled Reform the Grocery Supply Code of Practice to better protect farmers has over 113,000 signatories; believes the creation of two separate regulators, the GCA and the Agricultural Supply Chain Adjudicator (ASCA), risks fragmenting and weakening regulatory effort; and calls

on the Government to bring both regulators together under the GCA, strengthen its powers and resource base, and ensure it is empowered to apply the Principle of Fair Dealing, particularly in respect of production, delivery and payment issues

1494 Christian persecution in Borno State, Nigeria

Tabled: **17/06/25** Signatories: **7**

Ruth Jones
Jim Shannon
Sammy Wilson
Sir Desmond Swayne
Brendan O'Hara
Andrew George

Andrew Rosindell

That this House notes with extreme concern reports of recent widespread Jihadist-driven attacks in Nigeria, including a violent assault on an army base in New Marte, Borno State, by Boko Haram and Islamic State West Africa Province militants on 27 May 2025; further notes that while the attack was repelled by Nigerian troops under Operation Hadin Kai, it resulted in the deaths of two soldiers; recognises the ongoing threat posed to Christian communities and military personnel in the region by extremist insurgencies; and calls on the UK Government and the Nigerian authorities to take more effective action to protect vulnerable communities and to bring those responsible to justice.

1495 100th anniversary of Garvagh Pipe Band

Tabled: **17/06/25** Signatories: **4**

Mr Gregory Campbell
Jim Allister
Jim Shannon
Andrew Rosindell

That this House notes the 100th anniversary of the founding of Garvagh Pipe Band, based in the small village of Garvagh, Co. Londonderry; further notes that the band has maintained the strong tradition of piping in Northern Ireland that has existed for generations; acknowledges that the band is currently competing in grade 4B, offering pipe and drumming tuition classes to local people in the area; offers all those associated with the band good wishes on such a momentous anniversary; and expresses the hope that future generations will continue to benefit from its success.

1496 Cockermouth floodingTabled: **17/06/25** Signatories: **2****Markus Campbell-Savours****Jim Shannon**

That this House notes in July 2022 Samiul Ahmed of Tower Hamlets purchased The Grade II listed Old Courthouse, Cockermouth, a building with an annual income of £38,000, believed to be worth £250,000, for the reduced price of £51,000, due to riverbank erosion and the need for major structural repairs; further notes that in pursuit of quick profit, Ahmed arranged a structural survey and associated works, but on learning of the extent of wider liability and ignoring professional advice, had support props removed, leading to major deterioration and collapse of a portion of the building into the River Cocker in October 2023; also notes that after three years the building remains unsupported, a partial ruin; notes that the Environment Agency mapped increased flood risk to Cockermouth as a result, and expressed concern that the front of the building is also undermined and at risk of collapse; observes that Ahmed failed to pay contractors, has been successfully sued for £62,000 by one local company, and that he has conspired to avoid liability by arranging transfer of his personal ownership of the building to a different legal entity, Halal Group Ltd.; believes that Ahmed is now seeking to transfer responsibility to Cumberland Council taxpayers a potential bill which could range between £1 and £4 million; asserts it should not be the responsibility of taxpayers to pick up the liabilities of persons whose motivation has been property speculation for a quick profit; and calls upon Mr Ahmed to fund the restoration costs.

1497 Bath RugbyTabled: **17/06/25** Signatories: **10****Wera Hobhouse****Dr Roz Savage****Edward Morello****Sarah Dyke****Anna Sabine****Mr Angus MacDonald**

Jim Shannon

Martin Wrigley

Andrew George

Mr Joshua Reynolds

That this House congratulates Bath Rugby on a spectacular season, winning the 2024-25 Gallagher Premiership for the first time in 29 years, and their victory over the Leicester Tigers; celebrates that Bath also became the first English team since 2001 to seal a treble, after winning the Premiership Rugby Cup and the European Challenge Cup earlier this season; and commends the support of the Bath community and all fans of the club for their unwavering and invaluable support.

1498 75th anniversary of the Korean WarTabled: **17/06/25** Signatories: **4****Carla Lockhart****Jim Allister****Jim Shannon****Andrew Rosindell**

That this House marks the 75th anniversary of the commencement of the Korean War, which began on 25 June 1950 and concluded with an armistice on 27 July 1953, a conflict that remains unresolved and, in the view of many, under-recognised in public memory; acknowledges the service and sacrifice of the approximately 60,000 British combat troops, including both regular soldiers and national servicemen, who served during the war; notes with deep respect the loss of over 1,100 British personnel and 37,000 American lives; recognises in particular the significant contributions of the Royal Ulster Rifles (1 RUR), who served in Korea from 1950 to 1951 and played a vital role in the battles of Chaegunghyon (Happy Valley) and the Imjin River, suffering 102 fatalities and 207 taken prisoner, of whom 31 tragically died in captivity; and supports continued efforts to ensure the legacy and sacrifices of those who served in the Korean War are appropriately honoured, preserved, and remembered by future generations.

1499 Air India crashTabled: **17/06/25** Signatories: **6****Shockat Adam****Ayoub Khan****Jim Shannon****Brian Leishman****Andrew George****Andrew Rosindell**

That this House expresses its deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of all those who tragically lost their lives in the Air India Flight 171 crash on 12 June 2025, shortly after take off from Ahmedabad in Gujarat; notes that 241 people onboard the plane, alongside 38 people on the ground, including medical students and staff, were killed in this devastating accident; further notes that there were 53 British nationals on board, including the lone survivor of the crash and offers the most heartfelt condolences to their families; pays tribute to the courageous emergency services and rescue teams involved; and reaffirms the UK's commitment to support India and the affected families during this difficult time, including providing assistance in victim identification and investigation.