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New EDMs

1544 **Biology and pregnancy**

Tabled: **24/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Rupert Lowe

That this House reaffirms the undeniable scientific fact that only women can become pregnant.

1545 **Celebrating Highland Schools Wind Ensemble's tour to Augsburg**

Tabled: **24/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House congratulates the Highland Schools Wind Ensemble, comprising members of the Inverness Schools' Wind Band and East Highland Concert Band, on their forthcoming concert tour to Augsburg, Germany; recognises the talent, dedication and hard work of the young musicians and their instructors, as well as the cultural value of such international exchange opportunities; further congratulates Megan Campbell, aged 15, from Portree High School, who was awarded the prestigious title of Highland Young Musician of the Year 2025 at the event held on 23 March 2025 at the Highland Archive Centre in Inverness; and notes the outstanding performances by competition runners-up Jack Bungey, pianist, from Ardnamurchan High School, and Rebekah Bullivant, violinist and University of the Highlands and Islands student, alongside fellow finalists Talitha Williamson, Fiona Langley and Blythe Bullen.

1546 Celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Silverburn Festival in LevenTabled: **24/06/25** Signatories: **1****Wendy Chamberlain**

That this House congratulates the organisers, volunteers, performers, and attendees of the Silverburn Festival in Leven on the successful celebration of its 10th anniversary; notes that the festival, held in the grounds of Silverburn Park, welcomed hundreds of visitors over the weekend with a vibrant mix of live music, local food and drink, and family-friendly entertainment; recognises the festival's commitment to showcasing original and emerging musical talent from across Fife and Scotland, with performances across three stages covering genres including rock, funk and soul, folk, pop, ska, and electronic music; further commends the organisers for offering free entry to children and introducing a new on-site parking facility to improve accessibility; acknowledges the vital role of Silverburn Festival in promoting arts and culture in the Levenmouth area and supporting local economic and community development; and wishes the festival continued success in the years ahead as a highlight of Fife's cultural calendar.

1547 Celebrating Finlay Ross winning the Emerging Talent Award at the Royal Highland ShowTabled: **24/06/25** Signatories: **1****Wendy Chamberlain**

That this House congratulates Finlay Ross of Kettle Produce in North East Fife on being named the winner of the 2024 Emerging Talent (Produce) Award, presented as part of the Marks & Spencer Select Farm Awards at the Royal Highland Show; notes that the award recognises individuals aged 35 and under across the M&S supply chain who demonstrate exceptional impact, skill and leadership in UK food production; commends Mr Ross for his outstanding work managing the agronomy of broccoli and cauliflower crops, supporting seasonal agricultural workers, and contributing to the development of sustainable British farming; recognises his commitment to professional development through ongoing study for a diploma in agronomy and the expansion of his responsibilities into new crop areas; celebrates the role of Kettle Produce as a major grower and supplier of fresh vegetables, working with over 50 growers across the UK; and wishes Mr Ross continued success and all the best for the future.

1548 Funding for British Transport PoliceTabled: **24/06/25** Signatories: **1****Martin Rhodes**

That this House celebrates the vital role that British Transport Police (BTP) play in ensuring the security and efficiency of the transport network; recognises that BTP are a specialised force with skills unique to working on the transport network, for example, trained in rail safety, suicide prevention, and responding to trespassers on the line; notes that for the 2023-24 period, the previous Conservative government asked the BTP to find £5 million savings, and that this year,

while the BTP requested a budget increase of 9.8%, the British Transport Police Authority have agreed only 4.6%; further notes that the force now faces an unprecedented £8.5m funding deficit that threatens jobs, and the safety and efficiency of our railways; understands that proposed job cuts and station closures will leave significant gaps in coverage, particularly in the West Coast Main Line, where there may be no BTP presence between Preston and Glasgow; also notes that as resources have been cut, levels of recorded crime on the transport network have increased; and believes that this underscores the urgent need for a fully funded BTP and that the transition to Great British Railways presents a key opportunity to rethink funding arrangements for the force with a funding settlement that secures our railways, making them safer and more efficient for passengers and transport workers.

1549 **Forced adoption**

Tabled: **24/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Ellie Chowns

That this house welcomes the unveiling of plaques on 10 May 2025 in St. Agnes and 23 May 2025 in Kendal commemorating unmarried mothers and the babies taken from them and recognises the suffering caused by forced adoption practices from the 1950s to the late 1980s; notes the unacceptable adoption and care practices of the past, including denial of information on welfare services, housing and financial assistance which were available at that time; further notes the failure to ensure that mothers, many young, had given informed consent and reports of carcinogenic drugs such as DES being administered without consent to suppress lactation; recognises that negligence by previous governments led to a failure to ensure that care provided for unmarried mothers was sufficient and appropriate, and a failure to protect the mothers and their children from mistreatment and discrimination; further recognises many suffered traumatising pre- and post-natal experiences as a consequence and that children taken were denied contact with their birth parents; expresses concern that since the conclusion of the Joint Commission on Human Rights 2022, despite strenuous efforts by the Movement for an Adoption Apology over the last three years, there has been no opportunity to meet with relevant ministers about implementing the recommendations; and calls on the Government to issue, without delay, a formal apology to all affected and to implement restorative measures, such as the provision of support with appropriate counselling, and providing help with the reunion of those who were forcibly separated by adoption.

1550 **Contribution of technical colleges**

Tabled: **24/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Alex Brewer

That this House recognises the immense contribution technical colleges make to the economy, the lives of young people and society more widely; notes that the range of courses and qualifications offered by these colleges enables their students to gain invaluable skills that will set them up for success in the future; further recognises these colleges for their role in improving job prospects and giving confidence to those concluding their education and about

to start their career; commends the work of technical colleges serving Hampshire residents, including both Basingstoke and Farnborough Colleges of Technology, whose students have gone on to serve and support local businesses with their acquired skills and qualifications; and congratulates the Hospitality and Catering Students at the Basingstoke College of Technology for their incredible performance at the recent 2025 British Culinary Championships, with all participants achieving a silver medal or higher, including Best in Class.

1551 **International Commando Heritage Trust in Lochaber**

Tabled: **24/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House welcomes the plans unveiled by the newly-formed International Commando Heritage Trust, led by a team of former Commandos, for a £7.4 million International Commando Heritage Centre near the Commando Memorial at Spean Bridge; notes the historic importance of Lochaber and, in particular, Achnacarry Castle as the original Commando Basic Training Centre during the Second World War, where over 26,000 Allied troops—including soldiers from the UK, Norway, Poland, France, Belgium and the United States—were trained in commando warfare; further notes the deep historical and emotional connection between the Memorial and the communities of Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry, who gave steadfast support to the original Army and Royal Marines Commandos; believes that the proposed centre would support the local economy by creating jobs, boosting year-round tourism, and providing new opportunities for local businesses and young people, while ensuring the area's history and environment are treated with sensitivity and respect; also notes that the proposed centre will honour this legacy in a respectful and discreet manner, enhancing the visitor experience at the Commando Memorial, which attracts over 250,000 visitors each year; acknowledges the support already expressed by the Commando Association and Royal Marines Association; and calls on the Government, Historic Environment Scotland and other relevant bodies to support the project and recognise Lochaber as the birthplace of modern special forces training.

1552 **St Clare's Primary School inspection report**

Tabled: **24/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Patricia Ferguson

That this House congratulates St Clare's Primary School, Drumchapel in Glasgow West constituency on the positive inspection report they received from Education Scotland; commends the pupils at the school, who inspectors noted were welcoming, friendly, polite and proud of their school; recognises the dedication of the school's headteacher Maryann McGuinness, senior leader, teachers and the entire school community, whose hard work has developed a culture where raising attainment is a key focus for improvements; notes that the pupils across the school have been achieving above average standards when measured against Glasgow and national comparator schools in literacy and numeracy; and further notes that St Clare's was particularly praised for their system of class councils where children help to choose

and order resources for the school such as furniture and playground equipment, which in turn helps the pupils to develop confidence and leadership.

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.

1434 **Unpaid Care Dashboard**

Tabled: **10/06/25** Signatories: **38**

Alison Bennett

Lisa Smart

Sarah Dyke

Rachel Gilmour

Clive Jones

Jim Shannon

Victoria Collins

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.

1451 UK Government recognition of the state of PalestineTabled: **12/06/25** Signatories: **108**

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

Victoria Collins

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.

1458 Disconnection of stolen phonesTabled: **13/06/25** Signatories: **16**

Martin Wrigley
Ayoub Khan
Helen Maguire
Liz Jarvis
Mr Angus MacDonald
Adam Dance

Jon Trickett

Daisy Cooper

That this House calls for an immediate crackdown on phone theft by forcing big tech & phone companies to disconnect mobile phones that have been stolen and on the International Mobile Equipment Identity blacklist; notes the public discontent with big tech companies failing to enforce easy safeguards towards protecting customers from phone theft, as companies such as Apple and Google continue to make profit and continue to sell more phones because these phones are not removed from the system.

1467 UK-US Trade Deal and animal welfare and farmingTabled: **16/06/25** Signatories: **22**

Pippa Heylings
Helen Maguire
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon
Jess Brown-Fuller
Martin Wrigley

Mr Lee Dillon

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: **23**

Clive Jones [R]
Helen Maguire
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon
Jess Brown-Fuller
Martin Wrigley

Mr Lee Dillon

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.

1473 **Three Dads Walking**Tabled: **16/06/25** Signatories: **11**

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

Rachael Maskell

Christine Jardine

Mr Will Forster

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.

1474 **Peter Krykant**Tabled: **16/06/25** Signatories: **9**

Grahame Morris
Jim Shannon
Euan Stainbank
Kim Johnson
Charlotte Nichols
John McDonnell

Brian Leishman

Jon Trickett

That this House is shocked and deeply saddened by the sudden death of Peter Krykant, a courageous campaigner for harm reduction and drug policy reform; sends sympathy and condolences to his family, friends and colleagues; recognises that his pioneering, unofficial, drug consumption van paved the way for the establishment of Britain's first official Safer Drug Consumption Facility at The Thistle in Glasgow; pays tribute to his tireless work in challenging stigma and saving lives; and urges the Government to promote his caring and compassionate approach to drug policy and dedication to reducing drug-related deaths.

1477 Disturbance from small aircraftTabled: **16/06/25** Signatories: **5**

Freddie van Mierlo
Sarah Dyke
Mr Angus MacDonald
Ellie Chowns
Josh Babarinde

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: **25**

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

Lisa Smart

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 reform**

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

Dawn Butler
Jim Shannon
Paulette Hamilton
Ms Diane Abbott
Ellie Chowns
Alison Hume

Shockat Adam

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.

1488 **Harmful chemicals in period products**

Tabled: **17/06/25** Signatories: **36**

Martin Wrigley
Tom Morrison
Wendy Chamberlain
Claire Hanna
Sorcha Eastwood
Sarah Dyke

Mr Lee Dillon

Jess Brown-Fuller

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.

1492 **Military escalation between Israel and Iran**

Tabled: **17/06/25** Signatories: **8**

Brian Leishman
John McDonnell
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Jeremy Corbyn
Apsana Begum
Ellie Chowns

Neil Duncan-Jordan

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 chainTabled: **17/06/25** Signatories: **25**

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

Mr Lee Dillon

Brian Leishman

Jess Brown-Fuller

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

1503 UK trade with illegal settlements in the Occupied Palestinian TerritoriesTabled: **18/06/25** Signatories: **18**

Mr Will Forster
Siân Berry
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Wera Hobhouse
Martin Wrigley
Andrew George

Brian Leishman
Jon Trickett

Ian Roome

Jess Brown-Fuller

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: **6**

Alex Brewer
Adam Dance
Mr Angus MacDonald
Jim Shannon
Sarah Dyke
Ian Roome

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.

1506 Fracking moratorium and onshore fossil fuel exploration

Tabled: **18/06/25** Signatories: **27**

Pippa Heylings
Adrian Ramsay
Siân Berry
Wera Hobhouse
Tom Gordon
Adam Dance

Dr Roz Savage
Josh Babarinde

Mr Lee Dillon

Zöe Franklin

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 Kong

Tabled: **18/06/25** Signatories: **24**

Calum Miller
Luke Taylor
Wera Hobhouse
Martin Wrigley
Tom Gordon
Andrew George

Mr Lee Dillon

Jess Brown-Fuller

Josh Babarinde

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: **24**

Tom Morrison
Martin Wrigley
Andrew George
Adam Dance
Ellie Chowns
Helen Maguire

Mr Lee Dillon

Josh Babarinde

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.

1518 Shared Lives CarersTabled: **19/06/25** Signatories: **19**

Martin Wrigley
Brian Mathew
Helen Maguire
Jim Shannon
Wera Hobhouse
Adam Dance

Tessa Munt

Ian Roome

Jess Brown-Fuller

That this House recognises the exceptional work of Shared Lives Carers across the UK, particularly through services such as Shared Lives South West, which supports over 450 people

across Cornwall, Devon, Plymouth, Torbay, and Somerset through long-term placements, respite care, and day support in family settings; acknowledges that Shared Lives offers a person-centred, community-based, and cost-effective alternative to traditional models of residential or institutional care, delivering better outcomes for adults with learning disabilities, autism, mental health needs, dementia, and older people; notes that the Shared Lives model promotes independence, meaningful relationships, and improved mental health; expresses concern that Shared Lives remains under-utilised due to low public awareness, challenges in recruiting and retaining carers, and inconsistent investment by some local authorities; calls on the Government to fully integrate Shared Lives into the development of a National Care Service; urges the Department of Health and Social Care to provide targeted funding for the national membership body Shared Lives Plus, issue clear guidance to local authorities on the model's benefits, and commission a national review of fees to ensure Shared Lives Carers are paid fairly for their vital work; and further calls on all hon. Members to support the expansion and recognition of Shared Lives as a vital component of the UK's adult social care system.

1521 **Bank charges for micro-charities**

Tabled: **20/06/25** Signatories: **13**

Helen Maguire
Wera Hobhouse
Mr Will Forster
Wendy Chamberlain
Ben Maguire
Sarah Dyke

Mr Lee Dillon

Jess Brown-Fuller

David Chadwick

That this House is concerned by the introduction of bank charges on accounts held by charities and community organisations with annual incomes ranging from £1 to £250,000; notes that this change disproportionately affects micro-charities and grassroots groups, including those with incomes of only a few hundred pounds per year, for whom even modest fees represent a significant burden; further notes that these charges risk undermining the financial viability of essential local organisations that provide vital services and support in communities across the UK; recognises that micro-charities, defined as those with annual incomes of £0–£10,000, often operate entirely through volunteer effort and rely heavily on small donations and minimal resources; and therefore calls on banks to implement a minimum income threshold of £10,000 before account fees are applied, to safeguard the work of the smallest charities and community groups and ensure they can continue their contributions without facing avoidable financial hardship.

1522 Press ownership by foreign statesTabled: **20/06/25** Signatories: **22**

Max Wilkinson
Dr Roz Savage
Wera Hobhouse
Mr Will Forster
Helen Maguire
Liz Jarvis

Mr Lee Dillon
Ian Roome

Dr Al Pinkerton
Jess Brown-Fuller

Olly Glover
David Chadwick

That this House recognises that a free press is the cornerstone of our democracy; understands that holding power to account relies on journalistic independence and editorial freedom; notes with concern that foreign state ownership of national newspapers risks allowing foreign states to undermine the independence and integrity of British journalism; further recognises that the Government's proposed 15% non-cumulative threshold opens the door to foreign state influence in our press; and calls on the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport to remove the right of foreign states to own any part of the British news media ecosystem immediately.

1523 Protected title for anaesthetistsTabled: **20/06/25** Signatories: **5**

Michelle Welsh
Robin Swann
Ellie Chowns
Jim Shannon
Dr Simon Opher

That this House notes that the job title anaesthetist is not currently legally protected for use by doctors; further notes that two thirds of patients staying in hospital have contact with anaesthetists; believes that protecting the title would increase patient confidence in who they were being treated by; acknowledges that the term anaesthesiologist is used for the profession in other countries and may be adopted in the UK in the future; and calls on the Government to use forthcoming legislation around medical regulation to protect both terms.

1525 Cancer Prevention Action Week on alcohol and cancerTabled: **20/06/25** Signatories: **6**

Cat Smith
Ellie Chowns
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy
Iqbal Mohamed
Jon Trickett

That this House commemorates Cancer Prevention Action Week on alcohol and cancer organised by World Cancer Research Fund and supported by 25 organisations working to reduce alcohol harm and cancer incidence and improve public health; acknowledges that alcohol is a Group One carcinogen and a well-established modifiable risk factor for seven cancer types, including two of the most common in the UK, breast and bowel; highlights that these risks are present even at low levels of consumption; notes with concern that a poll commissioned by the World Cancer Research Fund found that only 7% of the British public were aware that alcohol is linked to cancer when asked unprompted; acknowledges that Government policy on alcohol does not reflect that it is responsible for around 17,000 cancer diagnoses annually; recognises that the covid-19 pandemic led to an increase in high risk drinking behaviours which could result in 18,785 extra cancer cases by 2035; urges the Government to introduce a comprehensive national alcohol strategy for England, without delay, which includes mandatory health warnings, marketing restrictions and minimum unit pricing; stresses that the strategy must align with a focus on alcohol as a risk factor in the National Cancer Plan for England; recognises the importance of working with devolved administrations to tackle alcohol-attributable cancers; and affirms that, in taking bold action, the Government will make significant strides in its health mission to shift from sickness to prevention, and achieve its ambitions to reduce NHS waiting times, address health inequalities and grow the economy.

1526 Impact of proposed immigration changes on migrants living in the UKTabled: **20/06/25** Signatories: **11**

Pippa Heylings
Wera Hobhouse
Mr Will Forster
Sarah Dyke
Tom Gordon
Martin Wrigley

Mr Lee Dillon

Jess Brown-Fuller

That this House is deeply concerned by proposals outlined in the White Paper entitled Restoring control over the immigration system, published on 12 May 2025, to extend the qualifying period for settlement from five to ten years; notes that this change has created significant uncertainty and anxiety for thousands of individuals and families who are already building their lives in the UK and are now facing uncertainty about their future; acknowledges the essential contribution made by many highly skilled workers who may be affected by this policy, especially those

employed in the NHS and technology sectors; expresses deep concern at the absence of clarity in the White Paper regarding the impact on British National (Overseas) visa holders from the Hong Kong community, many of whom have made significant life changes based on a promise of a clear and fair route to settlement and citizenship; recognises the distress caused by this ambiguity and the urgent need for reassurance; and calls on the Government to confirm that the qualifying period of settlement for people already building their lives in the UK will remain at five years, providing much needed certainty for migrants that will enable smoother integration into their communities and reduce bureaucracy costs.

1527 Visas and access to education for Ukrainian refugee children

Tabled: **20/06/25** Signatories: **17**

Pippa Heylings

Dr Roz Savage

Mr Will Forster

Helen Maguire

Sarah Dyke

Tom Gordon

Mr Lee Dillon

Jess Brown-Fuller

Ian Roome

That this House expresses serious concern about the detrimental impact of short-term visas granted under the Ukraine Sponsorship and Ukraine Family Schemes on the education and wellbeing of Ukrainian refugee children in the UK; notes the case of a Year 9 student living in south Cambridgeshire, whose limited 18-month visa leaves her uncertain whether she will be permitted to remain in the UK to complete her secondary education and sit GCSE exams; further notes that this situation is widespread, with many families due to apply for extensions under the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme, which also only provides a further 18 months of leave; highlights the stress and instability caused by this uncertainty, particularly for those seeking to access GCSEs, A-levels, university places and student finance, and for adults attempting to retrain or gain professional accreditation; draws attention to the Government's statutory obligation under section 17 of the Children Act 1989 to safeguard and promote the welfare of children; and calls on the Government to urgently review the implications of short-term leave for displaced Ukrainian families and to provide guarantees that children will be able to remain in the UK to complete their education and sit public exams, clear guidance on eligibility for student finance and access to higher education and a more flexible and longer-term visa extension process that allows families to plan, integrate and contribute without fear of disruption.

1528 Inverness ranked top Scottish city for outdoor enthusiastsTabled: **20/06/25** Signatories: **7****Mr Angus MacDonald****Dr Roz Savage****Wera Hobhouse****Sarah Dyke****Martin Wrigley****Jim Shannon**

Graham Leadbitter

That this House congratulates the city of Inverness on being named the top city in Scotland for outdoor enthusiasts, according to a new study by train operator LNER; notes that the study ranked 71 towns and cities on family-friendliness, sustainability, culture, outdoor experiences and food, with Inverness leading the table for its outstanding outdoor opportunities; celebrates Inverness's reputation as the gateway to the Highlands, offering easy access to world-class walking and cycling routes, lochs, trails and mountains, as well as natural beauty within the city itself, including the Ness Islands, Merkinch Local Nature Reserve and the Inverness Botanic Gardens; and recognises the value of this accolade in attracting tourism, supporting local businesses and celebrating the unique identity of the Highland capital.

1529 Gurkha pensionsTabled: **20/06/25** Signatories: **13****David Chadwick****Dr Roz Savage****Wera Hobhouse****Mr Will Forster****Helen Maguire****Sarah Dyke**

Robin Swann

That this House honours the extraordinary loyalty and service of the Gurkha soldiers who have fought alongside British forces for over 200 years; notes with deep concern that thousands of Gurkha veterans who retired before 1 July 1997 remain trapped on inferior pensions under the outdated Gurkha Pension Scheme, leaving many in poverty here in the UK, including in communities such as Brecon where Gurkha veterans and their families have made an enduring contribution; condemns this longstanding injustice, which denies these veterans the full recognition and support they deserve; rejects the Government's current transfer offer as wholly inadequate and financially punitive; believes that all Gurkhas, regardless of date of retirement, should be granted full access to the Armed Forces Pension Scheme on an equal, year-for-year basis; further believes that this ongoing discrimination against Gurkha veterans is a dereliction of the UK's moral duty under the Armed Forces Covenant; and calls on the Government to act

without further delay to end this injustice and ensure that every Gurkha veteran receives the full and equal pension they have earned through their loyal service to the United Kingdom.

1530 **Role of relationship education in preventing violence against women and girls**

Tabled: **20/06/25** Signatories: **26**

Helen Maguire
Dr Roz Savage
Wera Hobhouse
Claire Young
Mr Will Forster
Martin Wrigley

Mr Lee Dillon

Jess Brown-Fuller

Ian Roome

That this House recognises the critical role of comprehensive, age-appropriate relationship education in preventing violence against women and girls (VAWG); notes with concern that many young people are growing up in environments where harmful and misogynistic messages are prevalent both online and offline; acknowledges that without early, preventative education focusing on respect, consent, boundaries, and recognising coercive behaviour, efforts to combat VAWG address symptoms rather than root causes; highlights that one in four women and one in six men will experience domestic abuse in their lifetime, with those aged 16–19 being most at risk; further notes that despite increasing political attention, sexual assault rates among women have risen in recent years; believes that embedding relationship education in schools is vital to challenge harmful norms and promote healthy relationships; and calls on the Government to incentivise schools to extend Relationships, Sex and Health Education lessons to include 16-18 year-olds and invest in training for school staff to better understand the online spaces that young people navigate today.

1531 **Local authority funding**

Tabled: **20/06/25** Signatories: **23**

Vikki Slade
Tom Morrison
Calum Miller
Dr Roz Savage
Wera Hobhouse
Claire Young

Mr Lee Dillon

Ian Roome

Jess Brown-Fuller

Chris Coghlan

That this House is deeply concerned by the crisis in local government funding and the findings of the Thirty-First Report of the Committee of Public Accounts of Session 2024–25 on Local Government Financial Sustainability, published on 18 June 2025, and the estimate that local authority deficits will reach between £2.9bn and £3.9bn per year by 2027–28; regrets

that the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government cannot guarantee local government funding increases will result in improved outcomes for residents; understands that a reduction in local authority funding directly impacts the provision of social care, SEND and vital local public services; is shocked that neither the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government nor HM Treasury undertook an assessment ahead of increases to national insurance contributions on the impact to local authority budgets; notes that the crisis in local government funding was exacerbated by the previous Government which ultimately failed to fix the social care crisis; recognises the burdens on local government budgets are compounded by the Government's plans for local government re-organisation; and calls on the Government to publish a proper plan to end the crises in social care and SEND provision which are pushing councils to the brink of collapse and ensure local authorities have the resources they require to provide the vital local public services communities deserve and desperately need.

1532 **Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust**

Tabled: **23/06/25** Signatories: **3**

Zöe Franklin

Jim Shannon

Mr Will Forster

That this House congratulates Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust on being rated outstanding for leadership in its latest report from the Care Quality Commission; commends chief executive Louise Stead and her senior team for delivering clear strategic direction, compassionate leadership, and a strong culture of staff engagement and improvement; notes that the Trust's leadership was recognised for its inclusivity, responsiveness, and focus on patient-centred care; highlights that the Trust has set a national example for good governance, quality improvement, and values-led leadership; and calls on the Government to ensure NHS Trusts are empowered and supported to adopt similarly effective leadership models for the benefit of patients and staff across the country.

1533 **International Women in Engineering Day**

Tabled: **23/06/25** Signatories: **10**

Sarah Dyke

Mr Lee Dillon

Helen Maguire

Jim Shannon

Wera Hobhouse

Martin Wrigley

Claire Young

Jess Brown-Fuller

Ian Roome

Andrew George

That this House celebrates International Women in Engineering Day (INWED), held annually on 23 June, to raise the profile of women in engineering and inspire more young women

and girls to consider careers in the sector; recognises that INWED, brought to life by the Women's Engineering Society, celebrates its 12th anniversary in 2025 under the theme TogetherWeEngineer, promoting inclusion and diversity across the engineering industry; acknowledges with concern that women remain significantly underrepresented in engineering, with women making up only 16.5% of the workforce in 2022 falling to 15.7% in 2024, with many women aged 35 to 44 leaving the profession; believes that INWED plays a vital role in increasing the visibility of women engineers and closing the skills gap through celebrating the achievements of women; and calls on the Government to support policies and educational practices that promote gender equality, whilst showcasing role models to increase the participation of women in engineering and wider STEM careers.

1534 **CCTV in taxis and private hire vehicles**

Tabled: **23/06/25** Signatories: **2**

Jo White

Jim Shannon

That this House notes that some local authorities as part of their licensing requirements for taxis and private hire vehicles mandate the use of CCTV systems inside the vehicle; and believes that there should mandatory CCTV in all taxi and private hire vehicles by 2030 at the latest.

1535 **Taxi and private vehicle hire licensing**

Tabled: **23/06/25** Signatories: **2**

Jo White

Jim Shannon

That this House believes that there are growing concerns about cross-border hiring of taxis and private hire vehicles, where drivers obtain licenses in areas with less stringent regulations and then operate in areas with higher standards or greater demand; further believes that this can lead to inconsistent safety and vehicle standards, unfair competition and there is the potential that this is compromising public safety and security; and calls for immediate action to ensure that taxis and private hire vehicles can only be licensed in the area where they operate or where the business and vehicle is permanently located.

1536 **9th anniversary of the EU referendum**

Tabled: **23/06/25** Signatories: **3**

Jim Allister

Jim Shannon

Alex Easton

That this House deplores that nine years on from the Brexit referendum, the greatest democratic mandate in the nation's history, Brexit has still not been delivered for Northern Ireland and

that instead the United Kingdom has been partitioned by a foreign EU customs and regulatory border in the Irish Sea, leaving Northern Ireland under the EU Customs Code and subject in 300 areas of law to EU, not UK, law; and therefore calls on the Government to take back control and sovereignty over the whole United Kingdom and to regulate the international border with the EU through application of the solution of mutual enforcement.

1537 International Yoga Day 2025

Tabled: **23/06/25** Signatories: **4**

Tom Gordon
Helen Maguire
Jim Shannon
Ian Roome

That this House recognises International Yoga Day on 21 June, a global celebration established by the United Nations in 2014 to raise awareness of the many benefits of practising yoga; acknowledges that yoga offers inclusive and accessible ways to improve both physical and mental wellbeing through movement, breathwork, and mindfulness; commends the work of community leaders and teachers across the UK who offer welcoming, non-judgemental spaces for people of all ages and abilities to connect and unwind; and in particular, applauds Harrogate-based yoga teacher Guneet Khurana, who marked International Yoga Day by offering a free and inclusive yoga session in Valley Gardens on Sunday 22 June, promoting wellbeing, connection, and calm in the local community.

1538 Summer solstice at Glastonbury Tor

Tabled: **23/06/25** Signatories: **7**

Sarah Dyke
Jim Shannon
Anna Sabine
Wera Hobhouse
Dr Roz Savage
Ian Roome

Jon Trickett

That this House acknowledges the annual observance of the Summer Solstice at Glastonbury Tor, a tradition embraced by the local community as a time for reflection, renewal and connection to the natural world; notes that the Tor, rising 518 feet above the Somerset Levels and topped by the remains of the 15th century St Michael's Church, provides panoramic views of both the sunrise and sunset on the longest day of the year; recognises the Tor's significance as a place of spiritual, cultural and historical importance, particularly within Pagan traditions, where it is seen as an important landscape connected to seasonal cycles, mystical energies, and ancient rites; celebrates the harmonisation of the past, the present and hope for the future through this millennia old festival; and further recognises that the Summer Solstice is a time for

peace and harmony, a period when many cultures and individuals reflect on their connection to nature, celebrate life and renewal, and focus on fostering positive relationships with others and the planet.

1539 **Baby loss kits**

Tabled: **23/06/25** Signatories: **5**

Jo White

Jim Shannon

Shokat Adam

Michelle Welsh

Jon Trickett

That this House notes that over 500 miscarriages occur daily in the UK and that many women have to resort to using makeshift materials to collect baby loss remains; further notes the recommendations of the 2023 Pregnancy Loss Review that the NHS should develop and deliver a Compassionate Clinical Care Kit including a receptacle and a container in which to collect and store the baby's remains; applauds Laura Corcoran and the Dignity Care Network for developing the Miscarriage Collection Cradle and Storage Container for safe and respectful collection and storage of baby loss remains; and urges the Government to implement the recommendations of the 2023 Pregnancy Loss Review including providing a baby loss kit via the NHS when a miscarriage is expected or likely to take place in a home or clinical setting.

1541 **Armed Forces Day in Newtownards 2025**

Tabled: **23/06/25** Signatories: **2**

Jim Shannon

Robin Swann

That this House celebrates the success of Armed Forces Day in Newtownards in the constituency of Strangford last Saturday 21 June 2025, that took place from 10am-5pm in Ards Airfield; notes the day kicked off with an official armed forces parade, featuring bands, pipes and drums of the Royal Irish Regiment alongside a display of the Red Arrows, the C47 Dakota and the Falcons; highlights the strong community engagement and how the event aims to honour those who serve and have served in the Armed Forces; underlines the success of this event with over 60,000 attendees and that this will go down in history as a day to remember; thanks the Armed Forces, Ards and North Down Borough Council and Eventsec for their work in making the day a success and also the general public for coming out in their thousands to support our wonderful Armed Forces.

1542 Prison education insourcingTabled: **23/06/25** Signatories: **15**

Kim Johnson
Liz Saville Roberts
Ian Byrne
Charlotte Nichols
Brian Leishman
Ian Lavery

Jim Shannon

Shockat Adam

Jon Trickett

That this House notes the worrying state of prison education, with 82 percent of prison and young offender institutions judged by Ofsted as requiring improvement or inadequate for overall effectiveness of education, skills and work provision; further notes that contracts for the new Prison Education Service (PES) have recently been awarded, with groups of prisons assigned to one of three providers, all of which previously delivered education under the Prison Education Framework; notes that prison educators are paid less in England than their counterparts in other further education workplaces, with the Education Select Committee warning in 2022 that poor pay, lack of career development, unsafe working environments and no time or respect to do a quality job has left the recruitment and retention of qualified and experienced prison educators at crisis point; believes rehabilitation should be at the heart of incarceration, and education should be at the heart of rehabilitation, but outsourcing has for years diverted vital resources away from the development, design and delivery of truly meaningful prison education and has overseen the de-professionalisation of education into a commodity, failing prisoners, staff and wider society alike; and calls on the Government to explore all legal options for terminating the PES contracting process immediately and instead insourcing all such provision under an effectively resourced, publicly owned national prison education system that supports educators to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum to prisoners, with a national contract for prison education staff and parity of esteem with further education.

1543 Recognition of Paul McVey's service to martial arts and charityTabled: **23/06/25** Signatories: **2**

Lillian Jones
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Paul McVey, a former veteran and firefighter, 8th Dan Chief Instructor of the Zen-Bu Do International Martial Arts Academies, and martial arts instructor based in Kilmarnock, on receiving his second International Hall of Fame Award; notes that he has been nominated for nine international awards in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the martial arts community both in the UK and abroad; recognises his 53 years of dedicated service to martial arts; and commends his remarkable efforts in raising nearly £750,000 for various charitable causes, including cancer charities and military charities such as Combat Stress and Help for Heroes.