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New EDMs

1893 **Obligations under the Genocide Convention towards British dual nationals**

Tabled: **11/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Ayoub Khan

That this House condemns Israel's actions in Gaza, which have brought about mass civilian casualties, the destruction of most non-military infrastructure, the displacement of 1.9 million people and a man-made humanitarian crisis now classified as a famine; acknowledges that, as part of its obligations under the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, the Government has a duty to take action that prevents its own citizens from perpetrating war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide; regrets that the Government does not record the number of British-Israeli dual nationals currently enlisted in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), monitor their involvement in IDF operations in Gaza, or inform them of the risk of their committing breaches of international law while serving in the IDF; notes that this oversight has already rendered the UK liable to complicity in atrocity crimes committed by the IDF, with the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights and the Public Interest Law Centre providing evidence that ten British-Israeli dual nationals committed grave crimes in Gaza between October 2023 and May 2024; and urges the Government to deter British dual nationals from participating within institutions actively committing human rights violations, including issuing consular advice warning that they will be investigated by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) for enlisting in an armed force under reasonable suspicion of actively committing atrocity crimes and genocide, and revoking their citizenship under the British Nationality Act 1981 if the CPS deems them guilty of having engaged in unlawful activity.

1894 Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund's 60th anniversaryTabled: **11/09/25** Signatories: **1****Patricia Ferguson**

That this House congratulates the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF) on its 60th anniversary; understands that the organisation was established in Rutherglen by Monsignor John Rooney and John McKee, a volunteer, to help people in the world's poorest places; notes that SCIAF is the official relief development agency of the Catholic Church in Scotland and is a member of the global Caritas Internationalis network of Catholic relief and development agencies; recognises that as part of this international family of charities, the organisation delivers aid and development programs worldwide and campaigns for justice; commends their work which spans a range of areas, from helping those affected by famine and natural disasters to supporting refugees, and from opposing apartheid, to campaigning to make poverty history, to demanding action on climate change; further understands that SCIAF's work would not be possible without the generous donations of members of the Catholic community in Scotland and the public more broadly; applauds the iconic SCIAF Wee box Lenten appeal which over the years has become a central part of the organisation's fundraising efforts by encouraging school children to pop pocket money and adults to donate spare coins into their wee box to make a big change; and celebrates all the volunteers who have and continue to make SCIAF's work possible by giving their time and skills to work in schools, further education campuses, communities and parishes, raising awareness and raising funds to allow the organisation's work to continue.

1895 Fertility funding access for LGBTQIA+ peopleTabled: **11/09/25** Signatories: **1****Tom Gordon**

That this House notes the barriers to fertility treatment faced by LGBTQIA+ couples struggling to conceive, particularly in relation to access to fertility funding despite the 2022 Women's Health Strategy for England promising to improve access; further notes that most Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) expect female same sex couples to complete between 6 and 12 self-funded rounds of intrauterine insemination (IUI) before accessing the NHS treatment pathway; acknowledges that this creates inequality of access with IUI treatment costing up to £25,000; and calls on the Government to ensure that all members of the LGBTQIA+ community are provided with fair and equal access to fertility treatment.

1896 Assassination of Charlie KirkTabled: **11/09/25** Signatories: **1****Andrew Rosindell**

That this House expresses its profound shock and sorrow at the assassination of 31 year old political commentator Charlie Kirk, founder of Turning Point USA, who was fatally shot while speaking at Utah Valley University on 10 September 2025; condemns in the strongest terms

this act of political violence; notes that Mr Kirk, whether members agree or disagree with his political positions, should be commended for debating ideas in the public square and encouraging young people to engage in respectful political debate; recognises the deep impact his death has had and will have on his family, including his wife Erika and their two young children, and on his supporters across the United States; further notes the growing concern over the escalation of political violence globally, including recent attacks on public figures across the ideological spectrum in the UK, United States, and elsewhere; calls for renewed international efforts to promote civil discourse, protect freedom of speech, and ensure the safety of political participants regardless of their views; and urges the Government to engage with its American counterparts to counter violent political extremism in all its forms.

1897 **Winnersh Film Studios**

Tabled: **11/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Clive Jones

That this House welcomes the news that Winnersh Film Studios in Wokingham constituency has been acquired with the intention of being re-opened; recognises the strong contribution made to the economy both nationally and in Berkshire by the film and television industry; notes that the number of studios across Berkshire cements the Royal County's role as the Hollywood of the UK; commends SCIO Capital for taking on this site and saving it from demolition; and agrees with Terry Winter that the Winnersh location presents opportunities for film production beyond the studio because of its picturesque atmosphere.

1898 **200th anniversary of the Church of St Martin of Tours, Epsom**

Tabled: **11/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Helen Maguire

That this House congratulates the parish of St Martin of Tours in Epsom on the 200th anniversary of the laying of a new foundation stone in 1825 when the medieval church was largely rebuilt in the elegant Georgian style; notes that the Church has stood for two centuries at the heart of civic life in Epsom and Ewell Borough Council, serving as a place of worship, history and identity for the community; further notes the contribution of successive generations who have built, rebuilt and preserved the church, from the survival of its medieval tower to the Georgian nave and Edwardian east end; welcomes the programme of anniversary events, including lectures, choral services and community gatherings, which bring to life the town's rich cultural and social history; and commends St Martin's as a lasting witness to the heritage of Epsom, while continuing to play a vital role in the spiritual and community life of Epsom.

1899 Launch of Dementia Heroes community support group and dementia café in GlasgowTabled: **11/09/25** Signatories: **1****Martin Rhodes**

That this House acknowledges the launch of the Dementia Heroes community support group and dementia café based in the University of Glasgow's Clarice Pears Building; notes Dementia Heroes is a safe, fully accessible, friendly, stimulating environment for those living with dementia and their unpaid carers; commends the success of this community initiative in Glasgow in supporting vulnerable people and building resilient communities; recognises the pioneering collaboration and partnership model of Dementia Heroes, with leading national organisations, in providing communities with direct access to support, advice and engaging activities; welcomes the outstanding work and dedication of Arvind Salwan, founder of Dementia Heroes, in memory of his late father, for identifying unmet need and demand and his tireless work and commitment to local multicultural communities; and wishes everyone involved in Dementia Heroes the very best for the future, particularly around involvement in public research, public awareness, tackling stigma and challenging perceptions around age and dementia.

1900 Conduct of Lord Mandelson (No. 2)Tabled: **11/09/25** Signatories: **1****Brendan O'Hara**

That this House believes that Lord Mandelson has brought Parliament into disrepute; and calls on the Government to take legislative steps to remove his peerage.

1901 Chinook Justice CampaignTabled: **11/09/25** Signatories: **2****Sorcha Eastwood****Ian Byrne**

That this House recognises the need for an independent, judge-led public inquiry into the Chinook helicopter crash on the Mull of Kintyre on 2 June 1994 and the circumstances which led to the deaths of all 29 passengers and crew; believes that the State has a duty to ensure a full, effective, and independent investigation into these deaths; notes that any such inquiry must be empowered with full legal authority to compel the production of documents and the attendance of witnesses, powers which have not been available to previous investigations or reviews; calls for the release of all documents related to the crash, including those currently sealed for 100 years; urges that the inquiry examine why Chinook ZD576 was permitted to fly when it was unairworthy and was stated to be 'positively dangerous' by Ministry of Defence test engineers at Boscombe Down, the trials aircraft was grounded, and the Ministry of Defence's most experienced test pilots prohibited from flying it; further believes that the principles of

transparency, accountability, and justice must be upheld for the 29 service personnel who served their country with distinction and whose lives were lost unnecessarily; and looks forward to the Government honouring its commitment to a Duty of Candour and upholding the core principles of the Hillsborough Law, in this case and in others, where justice and accountability have been long denied.

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.

1771 **Plastic in chewing gum**

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **38**

Wera Hobhouse

Mr Will Forster

Sarah Dyke

Dr Roz Savage

Mr Angus MacDonald

Jim Shannon

Liz Saville Roberts

Ben Lake

Ann Davies

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That this House notes with concern that the overwhelming majority of commercially available chewing gum in the UK contains plastic-based synthetic polymers hidden within the ingredients under the term gum base, meaning most consumers are unaware they are chewing and ingesting plastic; further notes that chewing gum is a significant but overlooked source of microplastic ingestion and environmental pollution, with research showing that a single piece of plastic gum can release in excess of 250,000 microplastic particles into the human body; is concerned by growing evidence linking microplastic exposure to health risks, including cancer, strokes, heart attacks, diabetes and infertility; is further concerned that the majority of gum consumers are under the age of 25, a group more vulnerable to the health impacts of microplastic exposure; notes that chewing gum remains largely unregulated in terms of its composition and public health risks; calls on the Government to commission independent research into the public health implications of plastic-based chewing gum; further calls for mandatory transparency in labelling, including a requirement for manufacturers to clearly disclose gum base ingredients in plain language; and urges the Government to explore regulatory measures to limit public exposure to microplastics through chewing gum and to encourage the development and adoption of plastic-free alternatives.

1784 Armed Forces Training Contract and Elbit SystemsTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **28**

Brian Leishman
Richard Burgon
Kim Johnson
Jeremy Corbyn
Jon Trickett
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Vicky Foxcroft

That this House is deeply concerned by reports that the Ministry of Defence is considering awarding a £2 billion, 15-year Army Collective Training Service contract to Elbit Systems UK, a wholly owned subsidiary of Elbit Systems Limited, Israel's largest arms manufacturer; notes that Elbit supplies 85 per cent of the drones used by the Israeli military, has been directly implicated in war crimes committed in Gaza, and was named in the July 2025 report of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Occupied Palestinian Territories as central to Israel's plausibly genocidal conduct; further notes warnings from parliamentarians, human rights organisations and legal experts that awarding this contract would entrench Elbit at the heart of the UK's defence infrastructure, with serious reputational, legal and moral consequences; believes that proceeding with this deal would risk making the UK more complicit in war crimes being committed against the Palestinian people; and urges the Government to rule out awarding any UK defence contracts to Elbit Systems or its subsidiaries.

1790 100th anniversary of Devon in SightTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **13**

Steve Darling
Sarah Dyke
Mr Angus MacDonald
Jim Shannon
Helen Maguire
Rachel Gilmour

Ian Roome

Christine Jardine

That this House congratulates Devon in Sight in its centenary year, marking 100 years of dedicated service to those living with the challenges of sight loss across Devon; notes the charity's proud history since its foundation in 1925 as the Devon County Association for the Welfare of the Blind, recognises the profound impact it has made in supporting numerous people living with a visual impairment to live life to the full; commends the commitment and leadership of the charity's Chair, Dr Adrian Jacobs, the Trustees and Chief Executive Officer, Grahame Flynn, whose passion and vision have continued to drive the charity forward in an ever-changing health and social care landscape; pays tribute to the invaluable work of the charity's dedicated staff, volunteers, and supporters, past and present, whose tireless efforts have underpinned a century of life-changing support and advocacy; recognises the

charity's person-centred approach and its pioneering work in providing information, advice and guidance, promoting health and wellbeing, independent living and influencing change locally, regionally and nationally; acknowledges the vital partnerships Devon in Sight has built with local authorities, health and social care professionals, charities and community groups to ensure the needs of those with visual impairments are properly met; and calls on the Government to continue to recognise the critical role played by charities such as Devon in Sight in building inclusive, supportive communities and ensuring that no one living with sight loss in Devon is left behind.

1797 Celebrating Mona Shah MBE

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **8**

Charlotte Cane

Sarah Dyke

Mr Angus MacDonald

Jim Shannon

Clive Jones

Tristan Osborne

Christine Jardine

That this House congratulates Mona Shah, founder of Harry Specters chocolate company, on recently being awarded an MBE for her services to training and employment for young people with autism; notes that Mona launched the business in 2012 after being inspired by her autistic son Ash, who decided the company name, with the aim of supporting autistic people in the workplace; understands that Mona and her husband Shaz have successfully scaled up Harry Specters from a team of three people to an award-winning business; welcomes the fact that Harry Specters now has autistic staff involved in every aspect of the business; further understands that many employees of Harry Specters have gone on to successful careers elsewhere and believes that this demonstrates the positive social impact of employing autistic people; and affirms the importance of providing employment opportunities to people with autism.

1806 Access to NHS-funded IVFTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **28**

Helen Maguire
Jess Brown-Fuller
Mr Will Forster
Sarah Dyke
Lisa Smart
Mr Angus MacDonald

Liz Jarvis

That this House notes with concern the postcode lottery of access to NHS-funded IVF and fertility services; recognises that in much of the country couples are entitled to just one round of IVF, while in other areas they can receive up to three; is alarmed that eligibility rules can vary significantly between Integrated Care Boards, with some patients denied treatment due to historical circumstances such as a partner having adult children from a previous relationship; believes this undermines the founding principles of the NHS and shatters the hopes and family lives of many couples; further believes that people should be able to expect high-quality fertility treatment wherever they live; and calls on the Government to take urgent steps to end this postcode inequality and ensure fair, compassionate, and consistent access to life-changing reproductive health services.

1820 Tom Dunlop's UK racecourse charity cycleTabled: **2/09/25** Signatories: **6**

Mr Lee Dillon
Jim Shannon
Clive Jones
Helen Maguire
Sarah Dyke
Christine Jardine

That this House congratulates Tom Dunlop, from Lambourn in Berkshire, who recently began his journey to cycle over 2,600 miles around the UK visiting 60 racecourses as part of a charity challenge; recognises the hard work of Tom who started the ride at Newton Abbot racecourse in Devon aiming to raise £60,000 for the Injured Jockeys Fund and Diverse Abilities, with the money going towards a hydrotherapy pool at the Beehive Activity and Therapy Centre in Poole, and a few weeks ago finished his cycle in Newbury racecourse; notes the dedication of Tom who is utilising his gap year to challenge himself and give something back; further recognises the important work of both of these charities, the Injured Jockeys Fund provides support to jockeys past or present who are injured, unable to ride or generally in need, the Beehive Activity Centre in Poole is close to Tom's heart because his godmother's son has attended the centre for many years; and finally applauds Tom for his extraordinary efforts in this challenge.

1822 Motor neurone diseaseTabled: **2/09/25** Signatories: **28****Sarah Gibson****Mr Will Forster****Wendy Chamberlain****Wera Hobhouse****Adam Dance****Jim Shannon**

Christine Jardine

That this House recognises the significant challenges faced by people living with motor neurone disease and other long-term health conditions; notes the importance of timely diagnosis, personalised care, and access to emerging treatments; encourages the provision of a named GP for individuals with long-term conditions to help improve continuity and quality of care; supports efforts to expand the capacity of the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency to help accelerate access to innovative therapies; acknowledges the need to strengthen social care for disabled people, including by tackling vacancies and introducing a new, higher, carers minimum wage and greater support for unpaid carers through measures such as paid carers' leave and respite breaks; believes that flexible working should be available to all, and that disabled people should be supported to work from home where appropriate; and calls for improved accessibility standards in public spaces, reforms to the blue badge scheme, and consideration of incorporating the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities into UK law.

1832 Eating disorders and online harmsTabled: **3/09/25** Signatories: **38****Wera Hobhouse****Manuela Perteghella****John McDonnell****Susan Murray****Mr Richard Quigley****Rachael Maskell**

Liz Jarvis

Christine Jardine

That this House recognises the devastating rise in eating disorders, fuelled in part by harmful content on social media platforms promoting extreme dieting, idealised thinness, and punishing workouts; further notes the alarming findings of the Dump the Scales campaign's recent survey and evidence presented at the recent APPG on Eating Disorders roundtable, highlighting how pro-eating disorder content and misleading nutritional advice are widely available online, often unregulated; and calls for urgent stronger measures to protect the public from dangerous pro-eating disorder content online and increased education in schools on safe social media use.

1833 40mph default speed limit on country lanesTabled: **3/09/25** Signatories: **6**

Martin Wrigley
Ellie Chowns
Andrew George
Sarah Dyke
Vikki Slade
Christine Jardine

That this House notes with concern that rural roads account for around 60% of all road fatalities in the UK, with an average of three people killed every day on country lanes; recognises that the current national speed limit of 60mph on single carriageway unlit country roads is often unsafe given their narrow width, sharp bends, limited visibility, and vulnerability of pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders and farm traffic; further notes that many of these roads are not designed for high-speed motor traffic and that excessive speed significantly increases both the likelihood and severity of collisions; acknowledges the growing public support for safer speed limits on rural roads; also notes that country lanes can be designated and have signage to increase speed limits or reduce speed limits where appropriate; and therefore calls on the Government to make the default speed limit on country lanes 40mph, with local authorities retaining the power to set higher or lower limits where appropriate, in order to improve safety, reduce casualties, and encourage more sustainable and active travel in rural communities.

1843 First female Astronomer RoyalTabled: **4/09/25** Signatories: **18**

Layla Moran
Helen Maguire
Wera Hobhouse
Dr Danny Chambers
Charlotte Cane
Steff Aquarone

Christine Jardine

That this House congratulates Professor Michelle Dougherty on her recent appointment as Astronomer Royal, becoming the first woman to hold the post in its 350 year history advising the monarch on astronomical issues; recognises the important contribution which she has made in her career to astronomy and physics and in her other roles as Professor of Physics at Imperial College London, Executive Chair of the Science and Technology Facilities Council and as President-elect of the Institute of Physics; supports Professor Dougherty in her efforts to inspire more women and girls to study science, as well as her aim to open people's eyes to the wonders of space; and wishes her luck in her exciting project with the European Space Agency to probe the viability of life on the moons of Jupiter.

1846 Local HealthwatchTabled: **4/09/25** Signatories: **6****Siân Berry****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Cat Eccles****Jim Shannon****Ellie Chowns****Adrian Ramsay**

That this House supports the principle that people should be able to speak up and be heard without fear, favour, or interference about health and care services; believes an independent patient voice service is vital to representing the experiences of patients, service users, and the public in health and social care; notes with concern Government proposals to abolish local Healthwatch's independent statutory functions; further believes that strong, independent patient and public advocacy is essential to ensure accountability, improve services, and uphold the founding principles of the NHS and social care systems; urges Ministers to reaffirm their commitment to meaningful public involvement in health and social care by promoting independent public voice initiatives across England; and calls on the Government to abandon their plans to close local Healthwatch and to protect and preserve the vital independent patient representation which has existed since 1974.

1852 Final delivery plan on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS)Tabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **23****Tom Morrison****Mr Will Forster****Jess Brown-Fuller****Jim Shannon****Steve Darling****Max Wilkinson**

Siân Berry

Christine Jardine

Brian Mathew

Rachel Gilmour

That this House welcomes the publication by the Department of Health and Social Care of the Final Delivery Plan on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS), and recognises the work of officials and the ME community in shaping the plan; notes with concern, that the plan falls short of delivering the meaningful change urgently needed by people with ME/CFS; further notes the absence of a strategic approach to ME research, including the omission of proposals for a dedicated ME research hub; expresses concern that much of the new funding cited, such as for the PRIME (Patients, Researchers and Industry for Myalgic Encephalomyelitis) project, was already secured through existing competitive processes; highlights the lack of sufficient accountability for implementing services and updating medical education in line with the NICE Guidelines on ME; regrets the limited attention given to severe ME and the absence of guarantees on specialist care provision; and calls on the Government

to ensure robust accountability for its implementation, and provide the resources necessary to improve care, support and outcomes for people living with ME/CFS.

1853 City Cabs 100th anniversary

Tabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **3**

Dr Scott Arthur
Jim Shannon
Christine Jardine

That this House congratulates City Cabs, Edinburgh's longest-serving taxi association, on reaching its 100th anniversary in 2025; notes that City Cabs has provided a trusted, safe and quality service to the people of Edinburgh since 1925, now operating with a fleet of over 450 vehicles; recognises that City Cabs is a co-operative owned and operated by its members, ensuring that drivers and staff are directly invested in the long-term success of the association and the high standards of service it provides; further notes that as Edinburgh's largest taxi company, City Cabs combines community ownership with the latest technology to meet the needs of its customers; commends City Cabs for their strong commitment to supporting the armed forces community, as highlighted by the Ministry of Defence's Gold Employer Recognition Award in 2023; respects that during the pandemic City Cabs played a key role in Edinburgh getting many NHS staff to and from work for free; and thanks all staff and drivers, past and present, for their contribution to a century of service to the city of Edinburgh.

1854 Young farmers' organisations across the United Kingdom

Tabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **5**

Robin Swann
Jim Allister
Jim Shannon
Mr Gregory Campbell
Tonia Antoniazzi

That this House commends the Young Farmers' Clubs of Ulster, National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, Scottish Association of Young Farmers' Clubs, and Wales Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs for supporting rural young people; recognises their vital work in tackling rural isolation, promoting positive mental health, and strengthening rural communities; congratulates and acknowledges their efforts to equip the next generation with skills for life outside a formal educational setting; and urges the Government to support their vital work in strengthening rural communities and equipping rural young people with skills for their future.

1855 20th anniversary of Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature TrustTabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **3**

Dr Scott Arthur
Jim Shannon
Christine Jardine

That this House congratulates Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature Trust as it comes to the end of its 20th anniversary celebrations, marking Edinburgh's designation as the world's first UNESCO City of Literature; recognises that the trust has been central to maintaining and enhancing Edinburgh's status as a global literary capital, showcasing the city's heritage while supporting contemporary writers, book festivals, poetry projects, libraries and independent bookshops; commends the Trust's work in building civic pride, widening participation in reading and developing innovative ways for literature to be part of everyday life; further notes its efforts to engage communities across the city, including work with schools, libraries and local festivals; and calls on the Government and civic leaders to continue supporting the Trust in ensuring that Edinburgh remains a world leader in literature and creativity for the next 20 years and beyond.

1857 Air Ambulance Week 2025 (No. 2)Tabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **16**

Sarah Dyke
Mr Will Forster
Jim Allister
Jess Brown-Fuller
Ian Roome
Wera Hobhouse

Christine Jardine

That this House celebrates Air Ambulance Week 2025, taking place from 8 to 14 September; recognises that this year's theme, Every Mission Starts With You, reflects the reality that every life-saving flight depends upon the generosity and support of the public; applauds the vital role played by air ambulance charities across the UK in bringing hospital care directly to patients in urgent need; acknowledges that these services respond collectively to more than 45,000 emergency callouts each year, at an average cost of £4,165 per mission, while receiving no direct government funding; pays tribute to Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, who this year marked their 25th anniversary, having undertaken over 29,000 missions from their airbase at Henstridge Airfield, since their inception; expresses gratitude to the first responders, pilots and support staff whose dedication underpins the service; and calls on hon. Members to support Air Ambulance Week by raising awareness of the need for continued public support for this service to remain operational across all communities in the country.

1858 Oversight of automated moderation by social media companiesTabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **9**

Liz Jarvis
Jess Brown-Fuller
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon
Steve Darling
Dr Roz Savage

Christine Jardine

That this House expresses its concern at the experiences of UK citizens whose social media accounts have been hacked and subsequently disabled by automated moderation systems operated by Meta and other large technology platforms; notes that social media companies' appeals processes have become increasingly reliant on closed-loop automated systems with no meaningful opportunity to verify identity or engage with a human representative; and calls on the Government to press for stronger digital rights protections, require social media companies to provide human-led customer service and fair redress mechanisms, and establish greater oversight of AI-based moderation systems.

1865 Fourth anniversary of the Taliban takeover in AfghanistanTabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **7**

Martin Rhodes
Jim Shannon
Ellie Chowns
Sir Julian Lewis
Wendy Chamberlain
Adrian Ramsay

Siân Berry

That this House notes with deep concern the fourth anniversary of the Taliban's seizure of power in Afghanistan; condemns the regime's illegitimate rule and its systematic violations of human rights, including the repression of women and girls, persecution of ethnic minorities and the dismantling of democratic institutions; further notes reports of torture, arbitrary detention and the harbouring of terrorist groups; and urges the Government to maintain a policy of non-recognition, strengthen sanctions, support a peaceful political transition and ensure UK aid reaches those most in need without empowering the Taliban.

1868 Retirement of Sir Anton MuscatelliTabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **4****Stephen Gethins****Jim Shannon****Brendan O'Hara****Martin Rhodes**

That this House acknowledges the retirement of Sir Anton Muscatelli from his position of Principal and Vice Chancellor at the University of Glasgow; congratulates him on his tenure at the University; recognises that he has strengthened Scotland's international standing in research and higher education; further acknowledges that he has advised numerous international bodies throughout his career, including the European Commission and the World Bank, and has also served in advisory roles with the UK and Scottish Government; and thanks Sir Anton for his exceptional contribution to the University, to Glasgow, and to Scotland more broadly.

1870 Mental health care in GazaTabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **25****Lisa Smart****Mr Will Forster****Monica Harding****Jess Brown-Fuller****Wera Hobhouse****Seamus Logan**

Liz Jarvis

Christine Jardine

That this House expresses its concern regarding the ongoing humanitarian catastrophe taking place in Gaza, including the deeply alarming lack of access to mental health services; recognises the enormous importance in ensuring that everyone around the globe has access to high-quality mental health care; notes the destruction of the sole psychiatric hospital in Gaza in 2023 and acknowledges reports earlier this year that all remaining mental health facilities are either destroyed or no longer functional; urges the Government to sanction Prime Minister Netanyahu and his cabinet for their continued military campaign in Gaza and refusal to comprehensively lift the aid blockade and alleviate the humanitarian disaster; further urges the Government to immediately ban the export of all UK weapons to Israel, including component parts for F-35 fighter jets; and urges the Government to immediately and unconditionally recognise the state of Palestine.

1871 Dentistry in Taunton and WellingtonTabled: **9/09/25** Signatories: **6****Gideon Amos****Jim Shannon****Dr Roz Savage****Brian Mathew****Sarah Dyke****Clive Jones**

That this House notes with concern the findings of a recent dental survey conducted by the hon. Member for Taunton and Wellington, which received over 2,000 responses from constituents; further notes that 71% of adults eligible for free NHS dental treatment in the constituency are unable to access an NHS dentist and that 64% of children are also unable to secure NHS provision; is alarmed that parents have spent on average £470 over the past five years on dental treatment that should have been free, equating to an estimated £4 million across the constituency; recognises that this level of unmet need highlights the growing crisis in NHS dentistry, particularly in so-called dental deserts such as Somerset; and calls on the Government to take urgent action to expand access to NHS dental services, including ensuring adequate provision in Taunton and Wellington.

1872 Lucy BullTabled: **9/09/25** Signatories: **6****Dr Roz Savage****Jim Shannon****Wendy Chamberlain****Helen Maguire****Sarah Dyke****Clive Jones**

That this House congratulates Lucy Bull on her gold medal at the England Schools Championships in javelin; notes that this achievement also makes her champion of the UK and Ireland; further notes that Lucy was part of the cricket team which won the final of the National U15 Club T20 tournament at Lord's; commends her commitment to all of the sports she plays; considers the vital role that schools play in nurturing young sporting talent and encouraging participation across a wide range of disciplines; and calls on the Government to ensure that opportunities for school sport are properly supported and accessible to all pupils, regardless of background, so that future generations of young athletes are able to flourish.

1877 Statement on Palestine by children's authors, illustrators and educatorsTabled: **9/09/25** Signatories: **5**

Dr Ellie Chowns
Apsana Begum
Siân Berry
Ayoub Khan
Andrew George

That this House welcomes the statement on Palestine signed by over 500 children's authors, illustrators, and educators; notes that signatories to the statement include the current UK Children's Laureate Frank Cottrell-Boyce and former laureates Sir Michael Morpurgo, Lauren Child CBE, Chris Riddell OBE and Michael Rosen, as well as the current Irish Children's Laureate Patricia Forde and all six former Irish Laureates; commends the signatories for their work to protect, inspire, and empower children everywhere; further notes that the statement urges the Government to recognise what is happening in Gaza as genocide and meet its resulting legal obligations; also notes the signatories' concern at restrictions on protest and free expression, including the proscription of Palestine Action; and calls on the Government to acknowledge these concerns, set out how it will meet its legal obligations in response to the genocide, and review the decision to proscribe Palestine Action, including its implications on the right to protest and expression.

1878 Tribute to Councillor Nick CottleTabled: **9/09/25** Signatories: **7**

Sarah Dyke
Jim Shannon
Dr Roz Savage
Wendy Chamberlain
Adam Dance
Helen Maguire

Clive Jones

That this House expresses deep sadness at the passing of Councillor Nick Cottle at the age of 68; pays tribute to his 25 years of devoted public service as a councillor, having first been elected to Glastonbury Town Council in 1999; notes that Nick also served as the councillor for Mendip District Council's Glastonbury St Edmund's Ward, first elected in 2007, returning to serve again from May 2011 until the Council's transition to Somerset Council, where he continued as a unitary councillor until his death; recognises the important positions of office he held during this time, including Deputy Chair of Mendip District Council, Chair of the Planning Committee East and as a Member of the scrutiny function committee; acknowledges the determination, integrity and commitment that he brought to all of these roles; celebrates his tireless work on behalf of the people of Glastonbury, always putting their interests and well-being first, along with his

dedication to local government; and extends its heartfelt sympathies to his family, friends and colleagues at this time of loss.

1879 Jackie Ingle's service to Street Library

Tabled: **9/09/25** Signatories: **7**

Sarah Dyke
Jim Shannon
Dr Roz Savage
Wendy Chamberlain
Susan Murray
Helen Maguire

Clive Jones

That this House notes the retirement of Jackie Ingle, who after 13 years of dedicated service has been at the heart of Street's library in Somerset; recognises the important role Jackie has played in the community, particularly through the creation of Rhyme Time sessions for children aged 0–5, which has introduced a generation of local children to the joys of reading and storytelling further notes that these free and inclusive sessions, running throughout the school holidays, have encouraged curiosity, confidence and a love of books, contributing to the improvement of reading and writing standards in Somerset, where the percentage of 11-year-olds meeting expected standards has risen; calls on the Government to provide sustainable funding for local authorities and schools to protect and support public libraries, enabling them to continue initiatives like Rhyme Time which improve educational attainment; and wishes Jackie a very happy retirement and thanks her for her exceptional service to the people of Street and the wider Somerset community.

1880 Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize awarded to Mines Advisory Group

Tabled: **9/09/25** Signatories: **15**

Helen Maguire
Jim Shannon
Dr Roz Savage
Wendy Chamberlain
Liz Jarvis
Monica Harding

Sarah Dyke

Martin Wrigley

Clive Jones

That this House warmly congratulates the Mines Advisory Group (MAG) on being awarded the 2025 Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize, the world's largest annual humanitarian award; notes that MAG is only the fourth British organisation to receive this honour; recognises the extraordinary work MAG carries out to remove landmines and unexploded ordnance, saving countless lives and allowing communities devastated by conflict to rebuild safely; celebrates MAG's dedication to protecting civilians, restoring dignity and promoting peace in some of the

world's most challenging environments; and commends the UK's longstanding support and partnership with MAG in advancing global humanitarian efforts.

1881 **Commemoration of H G Wells' birthday**

Tabled: **10/09/25** Signatories: **7**

Mr Will Forster

Susan Murray

Liz Jarvis

Helen Maguire

Sarah Dyke

Andrew George

Clive Jones

That this House acknowledges and commemorates the birthday of Herbert George Wells, commonly known as H G Wells, born on 21 September 1866, as one of Britain's most influential authors and the father of science fiction; notes in particular his time living in Woking, where he wrote *The War of the Worlds* and other works that helped define modern science fiction; celebrates the strong cultural legacy H. G. Wells left in Woking and across the country, inspiring generations of writers, filmmakers, and thinkers; recognises the importance of the local area in his life and career, which is remembered through local landmarks, exhibitions and national pride; and encourages efforts to continue promoting Wells' work and Woking's rich literary heritage to future generations through formation of H G Wells Day to be celebrated as a day in English calendars.

1882 **Neurodivergent children at school**

Tabled: **10/09/25** Signatories: **22**

Adam Dance

Claire Young

Wera Hobhouse

Jess Brown-Fuller

Ian Roome

Dr Danny Chambers

Brian Mathew

Freddie van Mierlo

Rachel Gilmour

Martin Wrigley

Dr Ellie Chowns

Chris Coghlan

Cameron Thomas

Edward Morello

Helen Maguire

Andrew George

Monica Harding

Susan Murray

Liz Jarvis

Sarah Dyke

Clive Jones

Marie Goldman

That this House notes with concern that, despite the hard work of teaching staff, too many neurodivergent children are not having their needs properly identified at school, potentially making learning inaccessible; acknowledges the personal effort of many teachers to make their

classroom accessible, and that teaching staff require greater support; recognises that early intervention, including universal screening programmes for neurodivergence in primary school age children and increased teacher training will help give teaching staff the confidence and tools to identify and support neurodivergent pupils early; and therefore calls on the Government to support the Neurodivergence (Screening and Teacher Training) Bill.

1883 Skilled Worker Visa eligibility rules and transport workers

Tabled: **10/09/25** Signatories: **6**

Margaret Mullane
John McDonnell
Grahame Morris
Apsana Begum
Andrew George
Dr Ellie Chowns

That this House notes that, as a result of changes introduced by the Government via secondary legislation on 1 July 2025, as of 22 July 2025 the list of occupations eligible for the Skilled Worker Visa was significantly narrowed, with around 180 occupations removed from the list; further notes that the impact of these changes is that employers are no longer able to sponsor workers for the Skilled Worker Visa in any occupations that are no longer eligible, even those already employed with other visas, such as graduate visas; recognises that the occupations removed from the eligible list include Rail Travel Assistant and that some rail workers employed at Transport for London and on the railway are no longer able to be sponsored for a Skilled Worker Visa so will therefore be required to leave the UK when their current visa expires; is concerned at the pace with which these changes were implemented, with a lack of any provision for transitional arrangements for workers already employed in the UK; further recognises that, while the Government has instructed the Migration and Advisory Committee to undertake a review of occupations for the Temporary Shortage List, this is not expected to be completed for a year; and calls on the Government to pause these changes to visa eligibility rules until a thorough review and consultation, including with trade unions, of the potential impacts on workforce staffing, shortages and skills has been undertaken.

1885 International driving test standards and road safety

Tabled: **10/09/25** Signatories: **2**

James McMurdock
Andrew Rosindell

That this House expresses deep concern at the rising number of road safety incidents involving foreign drivers using licences that have not been tested against UK standards; notes that motorists from outside the EU and EEA are permitted to drive on British roads for up to 12 months using a foreign licence, regardless of whether their testing standards are equivalent to those required in the UK; recognises that this situation creates unnecessary risk for UK road users; and calls on the Government to bring forward proposals to shorten the grace period

according to the quality of the issuing country's licensing regime and to consider foreign drivers to undertake a basic online theory test to ensure familiarity with the Highway Code before driving on UK roads.

1886 **Dame Annette Brooke**

Tabled: **10/09/25** Signatories: **29**

Vikki Slade

Edward Morello

Ed Davey

Dr Roz Savage

Caroline Voaden

Daisy Cooper

Calum Miller

Charlotte Cane

Ian Roome

Mr Paul Kohler

Christine Jardine

Sarah Dyke

Clive Jones

Susan Murray

Tessa Munt

Brian Mathew

Liz Jarvis

Helen Maguire

Martin Wrigley

Monica Harding

Munira Wilson

Wera Hobhouse

John Milne

Adam Dance

Dr Danny Chambers

Andrew George

That this House celebrates the life and achievements of Dame Annette Brooke, Privy Counsellor, former hon. Member for Mid Dorset and North Poole, Deputy Leader of Poole Borough Council, Liberal Democrat Group Leader and Mayor of Poole, and expresses deep sadness at her death on 30 August 2025; commends Annette's commitment to Dorset, for almost 40 years since her first election to council and in the 14 years as an hon. Member, making Annette the Liberal Democrats' longest serving female hon. Member; further celebrates her role in protecting Dorset's precious heathlands; recognises her commitment to public service, including her work protecting disabled and disadvantaged children's rights, being an ambassador for Julia's House, founding the Dorset Equality Group and championing women setting up micro-businesses in the developing world; further commends her charitable work as Patron of Forest Holme Hospice Charity; commends her community group work, particularly through the creation of Stepping Stones Group to support people living with dementia; celebrates that her work won her an OBE in 2013, the Women in Public Life award, and MP of the Year in 2010; pays tribute to the dedication of her family in supporting her work, and notes how she went about her work in an understated, modest and determined manner, providing a strong role model for others; thanks her for her role in supporting fellow Liberal Democrats into their political and public service roles; and extends its heartfelt sympathies to her family, friends and colleagues at this time of loss.

1889 University of St Andrews support for the Blue Carbon Action PlanTabled: **10/09/25** Signatories: **5****Wendy Chamberlain****Dr Scott Arthur****Susan Murray****Sarah Dyke****Clive Jones**

That this House celebrates the role of the University of St Andrews in supporting the launch of Scotland's first Blue Carbon Action Plan; notes that the plan highlights the importance of protecting and restoring blue carbon habitats such as seagrass meadows, saltmarshes and kelp forests, which play a vital role in tackling climate change by capturing and storing carbon; recognises the crucial contribution of the university's world-leading Sea Mammal Research Unit and other marine scientists in advancing understanding of Scotland's coastal ecosystems; and congratulates all those involved in this pioneering collaboration which will help safeguard biodiversity, strengthen climate resilience and inspire similar action across the UK and beyond.

1890 Independence of Healthwatch EnglandTabled: **10/09/25** Signatories: **13****Jess Brown-Fuller****Helen Morgan****Alison Bennett****Dr Danny Chambers****Tom Gordon****Claire Young**

Wera Hobhouse

Helen Maguire

Clive Jones

Susan Murray

Sarah Dyke

Adam Dance

Martin Wrigley

That this House notes with concern proposals in the NHS 10-year health plan to abolish Healthwatch England and the network of 152 local Healthwatch bodies; recognises that Healthwatch England is an independent statutory body that ensures NHS leaders listen to feedback and improve standards of care, is impartial, and enables the public to be involved in shaping services; believes that absorbing these functions into the organisations they are meant to scrutinise risks undermining impartiality, public confidence and democratic accountability; further notes with concern reports that the National Guardian's Office and other patient safety bodies have been absorbed or side-lined, weakening independent scrutiny; acknowledges that these proposals come at a time of significant change across the NHS and local government when an independent voice for patients and residents is needed more than ever; and calls on the Government to halt any plans to abolish Healthwatch England and local Healthwatch, protect their statutory independence and funding, and ensure robust, transparent and

democratically accountable patient and public involvement, to protect patient safety and improve care.

1891 **Conduct of Lord Mandelson**

Tabled: **10/09/25** Signatories: **20**

Sir Gavin Williamson
Mr Peter Bedford
Jack Rankin
Mr Richard Holden
Dr Caroline Johnson
Alicia Kearns

Rupert Lowe

Andrew Rosindell

Jim Allister

That this House notes the concerning revelations regarding Lord Mandelson's close friendship with the convicted paedophile Jeffrey Epstein; expresses its concern at his lack of transparency regarding this relationship; requests for parliamentary time to be made available to debate this urgent matter; and calls for Lord Mandelson to resign as His Majesty's Ambassador to the United States of America.

1892 **Job reductions at news publisher Reach plc**

Tabled: **10/09/25** Signatories: **7**

Rebecca Long Bailey
Kim Johnson
Siân Berry
Adrian Ramsay
Andrew George
Dr Ellie Chowns

Apsana Begum

That this House recognises the skill and experience of journalists across Reach titles in the UK and Ireland; notes with alarm and dismay plans announced on 10 September 2025 proposing 321 editorial redundancies; urges the publisher to recognise the detrimental impact of huge swathes of cuts on journalists and journalism; further recognises that the proposals include plans to create new roles, but notes this will still leave a significant shortfall in editorial posts; further notes that cuts include large numbers at The Mirror where the title's editorial line champions journalism, providing a distinct, unique voice amid today's media landscape; also recognises that the hollowing out of titles and their specialist writers serves as a disservice to audiences; regrets that proposals will see an exodus of experienced journalists dedicated to their work across regional and national titles and is concerned about the use of artificial intelligence to replace journalists' jobs despite being no substitute for their talent and expertise; and further urges Reach leadership to engage meaningfully with the National Union of Journalists to minimise the impact of cuts, and urgently consider sustainable approaches that protects the company's public interest journalism upholding UK democracy.