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Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 29 October 2025

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New EDMs

2167 **Verdict in the Soldier F trial**

Tabled: **29/10/25** Signatories: **1**

Carla Lockhart

That this House welcomes the verdict delivered by Justice Lynch in which Soldier F was found not guilty on all charges; recognises this outcome as a vindication for a man who served his country; reaffirms the right of all innocent victims and their families to seek truth and justice for the loss of their loved ones; regrets that this and other legacy cases have too often been pursued for political motives rather than in the genuine interests of justice; notes the clear comments of Justice Lynch that the evidence presented did not meet the threshold for criminal prosecution and fell well short of the required standard; believes that the continued pursuit of veterans and members of the Security Forces who served honourably during the Troubles represents a grave injustice; condemns the use of parliamentary privilege to name individuals facing legal proceedings, which undermines due process, fairness, and the safety of those individuals; pays the strongest tribute to the men and women of the Security Forces who served with bravery and integrity, often at great personal risk, to defend democracy and protect the people of Northern Ireland; notes that only a small proportion of deaths during the Troubles were attributed to the Security Forces, most of which occurred during engagements with armed terrorists; and expresses the hope that, following this clear verdict, Soldier F and his family may now live in peace, free from the threat of further vexatious or politically-motivated prosecutions.

2168 Detention of British journalist Sami Hamdi in the United StatesTabled: **29/10/25** Signatories: **1****John McDonnell**

That this House is gravely concerned at the detention of British journalist and political commentator Sami Hamdi by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement at San Francisco airport on 26 October 2025; fears that the apparent misuse of anti-terror legislation is a deliberate attempt by the US authorities to undermine freedom of expression; agrees with the International Federation of Journalists and the National Union of Journalists in the UK and Ireland that this arrest constitutes a serious violation of Mr Hamdi's fundamental rights and risks setting a dangerous precedent for journalists and citizens engaging in a public debate and exercising freedom of speech; and calls on the Government to work for Hamdi's immediate release.

2169 Impact of extreme weather on farmingTabled: **29/10/25** Signatories: **1****Mr Lee Dillon**

That this House recognises the severe impact of extreme weather on farming communities across the UK, including in Newbury, where farmers have reported some of the worst harvests in decades; notes with concern that Government figures show a 14% decrease in the English barley harvest and a 23% fall in spring barley yields compared to the previous year, with other cereal crops also experiencing significant reductions despite increased planting; acknowledges the financial and emotional strain this places on farmers, many of whom are facing mounting pressures from crop failure, rising costs, and market uncertainty; further notes that some farmers are being forced to sell land or exit the industry altogether, risking long-term damage to the rural economy and national food security; highlights expert warnings that such extreme weather patterns may become the norm, and that urgent adaptation and resilience measures are needed; urges the Government to recognise the seriousness of this crisis and its implications for farming livelihoods, food production, and mental health and community wellbeing; and calls on the Government to support profitable, sustainable and nature-friendly farming by increasing the farming budget by an additional £1 billion a year.

2170 Palestine ActionTabled: **29/10/25** Signatories: **6**

John McDonnell
Richard Burgon
Imran Hussain
Apsana Begum
Carla Denyer
Siân Berry

That this House expresses its deep concern at the use of counter-terror laws in respect of those engaged in protest and direct action; and urges the Government to review its proscription of Palestine Action.

2171 Government proposals for mandatory digital IDTabled: **29/10/25** Signatories: **7**

Victoria Collins
Max Wilkinson
Anna Sabine
Caroline Voaden
Wendy Chamberlain
Steff Aquarone

Calum Miller

That this House expresses deep concern at Government proposals for a mandatory digital ID system; believes such a scheme would cross a red line for civil liberties, threatening privacy while doing little to meet the Government's stated aims on immigration; further believes that digital tools should empower individuals with control over their data, not extend state control over their lives; notes that mandatory digital ID risks deepening digital exclusion, particularly for older people, disabled people and those on low incomes; is alarmed at the potential cost to taxpayers and the Government's poor record on data security, including recent breaches at the Legal Aid Agency and Ministry of Defence; further notes that the Cyber Resilience Bill, which should form the bedrock of any such scheme, has yet to be laid before Parliament; is concerned that Ministers continue to conflate digital ID with e-government tools and improving public services; and therefore calls on the Government to abandon plans for a mandatory digital ID.

2172 Whitchurch stationTabled: **29/10/25** Signatories: **1**

Helen Morgan

That this House recognises the need for Whitchurch station to receive platform accessibility upgrades under the Department for Transport's Access for All programme; expresses concern that disabled passengers, those with heavy luggage, small children or who are otherwise

unable to traverse 44 steps, cannot access the station's southbound platform or exit the station from trains travelling northbound; notes that Network Rail has designated the scheme at Whitchurch Station as high priority; further notes the detrimental impact that the lack of station access has on residents of Whitchurch and north Shropshire; and calls on the Government to confirm upgrades to Whitchurch station under the Access for All programme.

2173 **Tidy Randalstown**

Tabled: **29/10/25** Signatories: **1**

Robin Swann

That this House celebrates the excellent work of Tidy Randalstown and its volunteers in transforming and maintaining the beauty of Randalstown; recognises the leadership of Helen Boyd, how their dedication and community spirit have inspired others to take pride in their town; notes the group's success in winning multiple Best Kept Town, Ulster in Bloom, and Britain in Bloom awards; acknowledges the pride that their achievements have brought to the local community, notably how the former railway viaduct spanning the River Maine became the location of one of four new RHS Community Gardens; and expresses thanks to all those involved, past and present, for their continued commitment to making Randalstown an excellent place to live, work and visit.

2174 **Llynclys Crossroads**

Tabled: **29/10/25** Signatories: **1**

Helen Morgan

That this House recognises the significant dangers posed to road users by Llynclys Crossroads on the A483; notes its position as one of the worst accident hotspots in the West Midlands; further notes the detrimental impact on the north Shropshire economy caused by road users avoiding the crossroads; expresses concern about the substantial daily risk faced by children crossing the A483 in Llynclys to access school buses; further recognises the dangers caused by regular speeding, narrow pavements, and lack of a road crossing at Bryn Offa School along the A483 through Pant; and calls on the Government to include upgrades to the A483 in North Shropshire in the third Road Investment Strategy.

2175 **Scott & Fyfe at the Courier Business Awards 2025**

Tabled: **29/10/25** Signatories: **1**

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House congratulates Scott & Fyfe, based in Tayport, on winning the Innovation and Technology Award, sponsored by SSN Transmission, at the Courier Business Awards 2025; notes the company's proud 161-year history of innovation, from its early days producing cotton and linen fabrics for boats on the River Tay, through to its pioneering work in the jute

industry, and now as a global leader in the design and manufacture of technical textiles and composite materials; recognises the company's ongoing commitment to embracing new markets, technologies and sustainable solutions, ensuring that this long-standing North East Fife business continues to thrive in a rapidly changing global economy; applauds Managing Director Michelle Quadrelli and the entire team at Scott & Fyfe for their dedication, creativity and forward-thinking approach; and celebrates this award as a testament to the company's enduring contribution to Scottish manufacturing, innovation and local employment.

2176 Community Connexions Gloucestershire

Tabled: **29/10/25** Signatories: **1**

Cameron Thomas

That this House recognises the vital contributions of the Community Connexions charity in Gloucestershire, which provides pre-booked transport for vulnerable people of all ages across the county and beyond; celebrates their successful operations throughout almost 40 years; commends their work to reduce isolation, increase mobility, aid independent living, and to connect people; especially praises the Robin service, an on-demand bus service operating in Tewkesbury, Berkeley Vale, and the South Cotswolds; and calls on the Government to celebrate the work of Community Connexions and other similar organisations for the vital role they play in the community, and to explore further opportunities for on-demand bus services in rural areas.

2177 Held In Our Hearts

Tabled: **29/10/25** Signatories: **1**

Dr Scott Arthur

That this House recognises and commends the vital work of Held In Our Hearts, an Edinburgh South West based Scottish charity providing early intervention, specialist counselling and peer support to families affected by pregnancy, baby or infant loss; notes that the organisation has over 40 years' experience offering compassionate bereavement care across Scotland, with services including one-to-one peer support, group support, and therapeutic interventions; acknowledges that many of the charity's staff and volunteers are bereaved parents themselves, bringing lived experience and deep empathy to their support; further notes the charity's commitment to providing free, personalised care for as long as families need it; celebrates their innovative initiatives such as Hospital to Home and Memory Bags; believes services like hospital-to-home should be a minimum standard of bereavement care; wishes success to Held In Our Hearts on the launch of their first-ever charity films, their Brand Video and Hospital to Home Impact Film, co-created with bereaved families and Electrify; and calls on the Government to ensure sustainable funding for baby loss services and to recognise the profound impact of organisations like Held In Our Hearts in helping families navigate grief with dignity, connection, and hope.

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.

2074 **Scotland Demands Better campaign**

Tabled: **20/10/25** Signatories: **6**

Maureen Burke
Jim Shannon
Brian Leishman
Euan Stainbank
Wendy Chamberlain
Jon Trickett

That this House supports the Scotland Demands Better campaign led by the Poverty Alliance which calls for an end to poverty in Scotland; notes that people, communities and organisations will gather in Edinburgh on 25 October to urge elected members of all parties to deliver better jobs, better social security and better investment in life's essentials; recognises that the campaign is a response to high rates of poverty, with one in five people living in poverty in Scotland, rising to almost one in four children; and commends the campaign's aims of ending hunger, insecurity and poverty in Scotland.

2088 **Non-indexed pre-1997 pensions**

Tabled: **20/10/25** Signatories: **11**

Neil Duncan-Jordan
Jim Shannon
Andrew George
Dr Ellie Chowns
Nadia Whittome
Ayoub Khan

Jon Trickett

That this House notes that hundreds of thousands of former employees of 3M, American Express, Hewlett-Packard, Chevron, Pfizer and Wood Group, among others, face massively-reduced pensions from their pre-1997 contributions; understands that the Pension Act 1995 does not require for pension indexation for service before 1997; believes that, over this time, those affected have seen a huge decrease in value of their occupational pensions, because the lack of indexation meant pensions have not risen alongside rising costs, eroding income and leaving many now facing extreme financial hardship; further believes that allowing for discretionary increases to be a matter between companies and trustees has disadvantaged and discriminated against this group of pensioners; and calls on the Government to put pressure on the companies concerned to make good the indexation of former employees' pensions for their pension contributions prior to 1997 and to consider retrospective legislation to encourage

those companies who have not provided a significant discretionary uplift to former employee pensions, to help to mitigate value erosion from inflation to their company pensions.

2106 **Drug deaths (No. 2)**

Tabled: **21/10/25** Signatories: **14**

Grahame Morris
Brian Leishman
Jim Shannon
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Ayoub Khan
James McMurdock

Jon Trickett Ian Lavery

That this House is dismayed at annual data released by the Office for National Statistics on 17 October 2025 revealing yet another record number of drug deaths; notes that 5,565 deaths related to drug poisoning were registered in England and Wales in 2024; further notes that opiates and opioids were involved in almost half of these; recognises that recent research from King's College London has shown that many opioid-related deaths are missed from official statistics, raising concerns that underestimation has led to underfunding; is alarmed that deaths related to the synthetic opioid Nitazenes are four times higher than in the previous year; is concerned that cocaine-related deaths have risen for the thirteenth consecutive year; observes that death rates remain highest in areas suffering greatest deprivation; and calls on the Government to acknowledge this is a public health crisis and redouble efforts to tackle it.

2109 **Strike action at the British Library**

Tabled: **22/10/25** Signatories: **16**

John McDonnell
Apsana Begum
Steve Witherden
Mary Glindon
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Kim Johnson

Jon Trickett Chris Hinchliff Ian Lavery

That this House stands in solidarity with members of the Public and Commercial Services Union employed at the British Library who have voted by a massive 98.23% to take strike action after receiving a second consecutive below-inflation pay offer; notes that during a cost of living crisis and with inflation running at over 4% by the measure of the Retail Price Index, the offer of 2.4% represents a real terms cut to the pay of hard working members; further notes that members are angry at pay inequalities within the organisation, as senior executives are paid up to £170,000 per annum with some in receipt of five-figure bonuses; observes that the frustration of Library users over service disruption following the cyber-attack impacting the Library has

resulted in a marked increase in workplace harassment; and therefore calls on British Library management to return to the negotiating table and bring forward an improved pay offer and action plan to tackle a situation where staff are feeling undervalued, overworked and under financial strain.

2119 Contribution of legal immigrants

Tabled: **22/10/25** Signatories: **28**

Max Wilkinson
Wera Hobhouse
Charlotte Cane
Clive Jones
Jim Shannon
Tim Farron

Munira Wilson

That this House expresses its deep concern at recent reported remarks suggesting that a large number of people who came to the United Kingdom legally will need to go home; notes that these comments appear to call for the deportation of law-abiding people who have lived, worked and paid taxes in the UK for many years; believes that such rhetoric is deeply troubling, unpatriotic and inconsistent with the fundamental British values of decency, tolerance, and respect for the rule of law; affirms that people who have come to the United Kingdom legally, played by the rules, and made it their home do not need to go home, and that this is their home; and calls on all public figures and political leaders to reject language that undermines social cohesion, stokes division or questions the belonging of those who contribute to the life of this country.

2135 Administration of Sheffield Wednesday

Tabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **11**

Anna Sabine
Charlotte Cane
Jim Shannon
Clive Jones
Sarah Dyke
Ian Sollom

Layla Moran

That this House expresses its deep concern at the news that Sheffield Wednesday has entered administration; deplores the continuing trend of football clubs falling into financial crisis as a result of irresponsible ownership; urges Dejphon Chansiri to listen to fans and to ensure that any future owner is committed to the long-term survival and success of the club; and calls on the

Government and the Independent Football Regulator to introduce a golden share for recognised fan groups to empower supporters with a veto on decisions that would harm their club.

2136 **Stewarts, the UK's first garden centre**

Tabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **8**

Vikki Slade
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Jim Shannon
Clive Jones
Sarah Dyke
Manuela Perteghella

Wendy Chamberlain Wera Hobhouse

That this House congratulates Stewarts Garden Centres based in Dorset for the seventieth birthday of the UK's first garden centre in Ferndown; celebrates the role Edward Stewart, founder of the garden centre, played in the development of gardening as a hobby; recognises the contribution of the wider horticultural sector to our understanding of nature and the environment in this country; pays tribute to gardeners across the UK for their green-fingered additions to our communities; and commends the Stewart family for continuing Edward's legacy with their three current garden centres that are part of a family business dating back to 1742.

2139 **National Cancer Plan**

Tabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **20**

Helen Maguire
Cameron Thomas
Charlotte Cane
Steff Aquarone
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Jim Shannon

Mr Will Forster

That this House expresses deep concern over the Government's decision to delay publication of the National Cancer Plan and associated NHS Workforce Plan; notes that recent research, reported in The Lancet, has warned that further delays could cost lives and worsen outcomes for patients; recognises that timely diagnosis, access to treatment, and sufficient specialist staff are critical to improving survival rates; further notes that the postponement of the NHS workforce plan, including measures to recruit oncologists, radiologists and specialist nurses, risks compounding the crisis; believes that people living with cancer deserve urgent action, not further delay; and calls on the Government to publish the National Cancer Plan and NHS workforce plan without further postponement.

2140 Baby Loss MonthTabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **5**

Jim Shannon
Mr Gregory Campbell
Wera Hobhouse
Rachael Maskell
Jo White

That this House notes the end of Baby Loss Awareness Month, observed each October to honour babies who have died during pregnancy, at or soon after birth; highlights that whether a loss is felt in the fifth week, the 15th week or the 25th week, the fact remains that it is a loss and that each life is so precious, and the grief must be acknowledged; further notes that in 2023 in Northern Ireland, there were 67 stillbirths and 80 infant deaths registered, and for those mums and dads, our hearts ache; and underlines that we must pay tribute to charities such as Sands and so many others who go above and beyond to provide support for those couples and families who are coping with loss; honours those little lives and the indelible footprints left on hearts throughout this country; and ensures that they are not forgotten.

2142 Water billsTabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **25**

Tim Farron
Cameron Thomas
Dr Danny Chambers
Charlotte Cane
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Jim Shannon

Mr Will Forster

Olly Glover

That this House is deeply concerned by the news that the Competition and Markets Authority has agreed to allow water companies including Anglian, Northumbrian, Southern, Wessex, and South East Water to increase bills by an additional 3% on average, compared to the amount agreed by the regulator Ofwat; notes that this comes after the Independent Water Commission's final report in July 2025 which echoed Liberal Democrat calls for Ofwat to be replaced with a new regulator on account of its failures to regulate water companies for their environmental pollution and financial mismanagement which has ultimately left customers paying more for poorer services; and urges the Government to come forward with a new, stronger regulator to hold water companies to account and implement a single social tariff for water bills to help eliminate water poverty.

2143 Isle of Raasay World's Best Scotch Whisky AwardTabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **8****Mr Angus MacDonald****Mr Joshua Reynolds****Jim Shannon****Clive Jones****Sarah Dyke****Brian Leishman**

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House congratulates the Isle of Raasay Distillery on being awarded the World's Best Scotch Whisky at the 2025 Las Vegas Global Spirits Awards; notes that its Cask Strength Single Malt achieved a near-perfect score of 99 out of 100 and received the event's top honour, a Platinum medal; recognises the distillery as the first legal producer of whisky on the island, founded in 2017 by R&B Distillers; applauds the skill and dedication of the entire Raasay team in crafting a spirit that captures the distinctive maritime character of the Inner Hebrides; and celebrates this remarkable achievement for the Isle of Raasay, the Highlands, and Scotland's world-renowned whisky industry.

2146 Conduct of the hon. Member for Runcorn and HelsbyTabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **32****Max Wilkinson****Marie Goldman****Manuela Perteghella****Cameron Thomas****Pippa Heylings****Charlotte Cane**

Munira Wilson

Wera Hobhouse

Mr Will Forster

Wendy Chamberlain

Anna Sabine

Calum Miller

Sarah Olney

That this House censures the hon. Member for Runcorn and Helsby for racist and inexcusable remarks made on Talk TV on Saturday 25 October 2025, which were damaging, divisive and risk bringing hon. Members collectively into disrepute; and calls on the hon. Member for Clacton to withdraw the whip from the hon. Member for Runcorn and Helsby.

2148 Danny Young National Chef of the Year 2026Tabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **9**

Mr Angus MacDonald
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Jim Shannon
Clive Jones
Sarah Dyke
Mr Alistair Carmichael

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House congratulates Danny Young, Head Chef at The Torridon in the Scottish Highlands, on being named National Chef of the Year 2026; notes that he triumphed over ten other finalists, with a menu showcasing technical excellence, creativity, and mastery of flavour; recognises that Mr Young was previously named Young National Chef of the Year in 2018 and received an Acorn Award in 2021 for rising stars in hospitality; commends his continued success as a leading representative of Scotland's world-class culinary scene; and wishes him well as he continues to inspire the next generation of chefs.

2151 Buying community energy locallyTabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **18**

Abtisam Mohamed
Carla Denyer
Llinos Medi
Graham Leadbitter
Pippa Heylings
Bob Blackman

Imran Hussain

Iqbal Mohamed

That this House recognises the many social, economic and environmental benefits that community energy schemes create; notes that the number of such schemes would grow greatly if they were enabled to sell their clean power directly to households and businesses in their communities; welcomes the Minister for Energy Security and Net Zero's oral contribution on 15 July 2025, stating that the Government are absolutely determined to deliver clean power that benefits local communities, so that they can buy it locally; further notes that there are many energy system experts that can help devise an effective local supply process; and therefore calls on the Government to expeditiously implement local supply rights for community energy schemes.

2152 National Memorial for armed forces veterans who lost their lives in Northern IrelandTabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **5****Jo White****Mr Gregory Campbell****Jim Allister****Jim Shannon****Andrew Rosindell**

That this House pays tribute to the courage and sacrifice of all members of the United Kingdom's armed forces who lost their lives during the conflict in Northern Ireland; recognises the immense contribution of service personnel who served with dedication and professionalism in the most challenging circumstances; acknowledges the deep and lasting impact of the conflict on veterans and their families; notes that there is currently no dedicated national memorial recognising the service and sacrifice of all those members of the armed forces who died as a result of operations in Northern Ireland; and calls on the Government to work with veterans, veterans' organisations and the families of the fallen to establish an appropriate national memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum to honour their memory and ensure their service is never forgotten.

2154 Media Plurality and Press Freedom in ParliamentTabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **16****Jeremy Corbyn****Ayoub Khan****Shockat Adam****Mr Adnan Hussain****Jim Shannon****Iqbal Mohamed**

Jon Trickett

Liz Saville Roberts

Llinos Medi

Imran Hussain

Ben Lake

Chris Law

Steve Witherden

Ann Davies

Zarah Sultana

That this House urges the relevant parliamentary authorities to provide independent media outlet Declassified UK with a parliamentary press pass to ensure media plurality and press freedom.

2156 Treatment of Professor Michael Ben-GadTabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **4****Luke Akehurst****Mr Gregory Campbell****Jim Shannon****Mr Paul Kohler**

That this House is deeply concerned by the antisemitic and targeted harassment campaign against Michael Ben-Gad, Professor of Economics at City, University of London; condemns any campaign that seeks to intimidate and drive out lecturers because they are Israeli or Jewish; notes that attacks of this nature are particularly distressing to Jewish students and academics, and risk setting a dangerous precedent for academic freedom at UK universities; and stands in support of Professor Ben-Gad, and his personal and intellectual freedom as an Israeli academic in the UK.

2159 Support for pubsTabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **4****James McMurdock****Jim Shannon****Rupert Lowe****Andrew Rosindell**

That this House notes the vital role that pubs, social clubs, and brewery taprooms play in communities across the UK; recognises the significant financial pressures these businesses face, including high energy costs and increased employer National Insurance contributions; and urges the Government to consider measures to cut taxes for pubs and breweries to help safeguard jobs, promote social wellbeing, and sustain local economies.

2160 100 years of Boroughmuir Rugby and Community Sports Club at MeggetlandTabled: **28/10/25** Signatories: **2****Dr Scott Arthur****Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Boroughmuir Rugby and Community Sports Club on reaching the remarkable milestone of 100 years at their Meggetland home in Edinburgh; recognises the club's outstanding contribution to Scottish rugby and community sport since its founding in 1919; commends its commitment to inclusivity, youth development, and health and wellbeing through its award-winning Energy Gym and vibrant Youth Academy; notes that the club's 'One Club, One Culture, One Community' ethos means they work closely with local primary and secondary schools, businesses, associate clubs and partners to ensure it provides opportunities to connect, support, play and encourage; further notes the club also provides a welcoming environment and social café open to all; also notes the club's ambitious £100,000 fundraising

campaign to upgrade facilities and expand outreach, ensuring a legacy of excellence for future generations; celebrates the club's role as a vital community hub, promoting participation, social connection, and sporting achievement; thanks Commsworld and Eastern Western Motor Group for their sponsorship of the club; and wishes Boroughmuir continued success for the next century and beyond.

2161 **Gayle Nelson**

Tabled: **28/10/25** Signatories: **5**

Wendy Chamberlain

Clive Jones

Sarah Dyke

Jim Shannon

Mr Joshua Reynolds

That this House notes with great sadness the passing of Gayle Nelson of Cupar, at the age of 54, after a courageous battle with cancer; recognises Gayle's outstanding contribution to her local community, including as a founding figure of Cupar Arts and The Sunshine Kitchen, organisations dedicated to supporting culture, the arts, and food-based community outreach in North East Fife; celebrates her commitment, kindness, and passion for bringing people together, and extends its deepest condolences to her husband, children, extended family and all at Cupar Arts and The Sunshine Kitchen.

2162 **Matters for the Chancellor of the Exchequer to consider prior to the Autumn Budget 2025**

Tabled: **28/10/25** Signatories: **4**

Andrew George

Wera Hobhouse

Sarah Dyke

Jim Shannon

That this House notes the extent of widening inequality in the UK and that the top 50 richest families now hold more wealth than the poorest half of the population and there has been nearly 1000% increase in the wealth of UK billionaires since 1990; further notes that a dynamic study conducted by Patriotic Millionaires UK on the Sunday Times Rich List reported that £160 billion could have been raised for the UK's public finances over the past three decades if those with assets over £10 million were annually taxed at 2%, whilst their wealth would still have increased at between 1.7% and 2.7%; believes that moderate taxes would not provoke capital flight as lobbyists assert and is repeated by some media and commentators; considers that just 0.01% of the richest households relocated after wealth tax reforms were introduced in Norway, Sweden and Denmark; highlights that the considerable evidence that low taxes on wealth can be counterproductive for growth and productivity and that research by tax policy experts at CenTax and the IFS shows that equalising capital gains and income tax rates alongside introducing an investment allowance supports productivity and growth, as does taxing share

buybacks; also notes UK's tax-to- GDP ratio is around 35% according to OECD data (2024), lower than comparable G7 economies France (44%), Italy (43%), Nordic countries (41-43%); and calls on the Chancellor to reflect on these factors as she considers her options for the forthcoming Budget.

2163 Christian founders of The Entertainer

Tabled: **28/10/25** Signatories: **3**

Mr Gregory Campbell

Jim Shannon

Andrew Rosindell

That this House notes the change in ownership of The Entertainer, the largest toy retailer in the UK with 150 outlets, having grown from one small shop in Amersham in 1981; recognises that the founders Gary and Catherine Grant adopted a Christian outlook in their business, donating 10% of its annual profits to charity; acknowledges the recent move by the founders to an employee ownership trust; and wishes the Grant family good wishes for the future, expressing the hope that the business will, even under the new ownership model, recognise the success that the style and principled stance the founders adhered to as it proved so successful even in an increasingly secular era.

2164 The Lakes School

Tabled: **28/10/25** Signatories: **12**

Tim Farron

Clive Jones

Liz Jarvis

Tom Morrison

Wendy Chamberlain

Wera Hobhouse

Sarah Dyke

Mr Will Forster

Dr Roz Savage

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Jim Shannon

David Chadwick

That this House recognises the historic significance of the site of The Lakes School Windermere, where the Windermere Children, child survivors of the Holocaust who were granted asylum by the British Government in 1945, were first welcomed to the United Kingdom; expresses deep concern for the current state of disrepair that the school is in; believes that the redevelopment of the school presents a unique opportunity to create a nationally leading centre of educational excellence focussed on tackling hatred and building empathy among young people; and calls on the Government to support these efforts and to make this important educational legacy a reality.

2165 25th anniversary of Y Sort ItTabled: **28/10/25** Signatories: **2****Douglas McAllister****Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Y Sort It on marking its 25th anniversary; recognises that Y Sort It has provided youth-led support across the communities of West Dunbartonshire for 25 years; acknowledges that Y Sort It is a dedicated youth friendly space; praises its work in supporting the needs of young people and inspiring them to reach their full potential; celebrates their efforts to support thousands of young people across West Dunbartonshire over the years who attend their youth groups and young carers service; commends their commitment to care experienced young people through their mentoring and care connection programme; and wishes Y Sort It and all the young people and volunteers involved every success and all the best for the future.

2166 Transparency and accountability in social media account closuresTabled: **28/10/25** Signatories: **8****Victoria Collins****Wera Hobhouse****Jim Shannon****Charlotte Cane****Liz Jarvis****Mr Will Forster**

Clive Jones

Mr Joshua Reynolds

That this House acknowledges the more than 44,000 people who have signed a petition expressing concern at the wrongful closure of social media accounts by Meta; recognises the importance of removing illegal or harmful content while upholding due process, transparency and effective redress but calls on Meta to provide clear explanations when accounts are closed and to enable complete data exports for affected users; and calls for the establishment of a UK escalation route, urging Ofcom and the Information Commissioner's Office to require transparent accuracy and appeals metrics, to audit automated enforcement systems, and to ensure meaningful remedies for users adversely affected by enforcement errors.