

Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 9 December 2025

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New EDMs

2456 **Anniversary of the murder of Ken Smyth and Daniel McCormick**

Tabled: **9/12/25** Signatories: **1**

Jim Shannon

That this House marks the anniversary of the brutal murders of Ulster Defence Regiment Sergeant Kenneth Smyth and former Ulster Defence Regiment Soldier Daniel McCormick on 10 December 1971 by the IRA as they travelled to work; recognises that over five decades on, their families continue to grieve as no one has ever been brought to justice for this evil terrorist murder that saw these men brutally slain for no other reason than serving Queen and Country in the Ulster Defence Regiment and that the families still mourn their loss; notes the ongoing pain caused by the failure of those responsible to come forward with the truth; and extends heartfelt sympathy and support to all families in their enduring loss.

2457 **Government participation in the independent Rape Gang Inquiry**

Tabled: **9/12/25** Signatories: **2**

James McMurdock

Rupert Lowe

That this House calls on the Government to accept the invitation to provide evidence to the independent Rape Gang Inquiry; notes that the success of this inquiry is vital for delivering

justice and support to victims; and further notes that this may also provide valuable findings that the Government may be able to utilise in its own inquiry.

2458 **Life and legacy of Saskia Jones**

Tabled: **9/12/25** Signatories: **1**

Manuela Perteghella

That this House remembers with deep respect and admiration Saskia Jones, whose life was tragically cut short in the Fishmongers' Hall attack in November 2019; recognises her outstanding commitment to social justice, inclusion, learning and public service through her research with Rape Crisis, Cambridge while studying at Anglia Ruskin University (ARU), her work on rehabilitation in the criminal justice field at the University of Cambridge, her focus on violence against women and girls, and her role as an ambassador for the charity Beat; celebrates her enduring legacy through the Saskia Jones PhD Memorial Scholarship at ARU and her inclusion in the Government's Rape Review 2021; acknowledges the many other initiatives and awards established in her name which promote community safety, compassion and opportunity for young people; commends all those who continue to honour her memory through positive action and education reflecting her passionate drive to make a difference; and pays tribute to her family, friends and colleagues for their strength, dignity and dedication in ensuring that her values and spirit continue to inspire others.

2459 **Domestic medical training**

Tabled: **9/12/25** Signatories: **1**

James McMurdock

That this House notes that, in 1957, approximately 12 per cent of NHS doctors were trained overseas, compared with around 42 per cent in 2024; appreciates the vital contribution made by internationally trained doctors who support the NHS but notes that this does not negate our responsibility to train our domestic workforce; further notes that the UK continues to turn away around 16,000 domestic medical school applicants each year despite well-documented workforce pressures; observes that the NHS subsequently recruits approximately 20,000 internationally trained doctors annually to fill gaps that could be met through expanded domestic training; believes that valuing overseas clinicians and reducing reliance on international recruitment are not mutually exclusive, and that a sustainable workforce must be built on training sufficient numbers of UK doctors; and calls on the Government to set out a credible long-term workforce plan that expands medical school capacity, improves retention, and ensures the NHS is staffed in a way that is resilient for the future.

2460 Digital ID and civil libertiesTabled: **9/12/25** Signatories: **1****James McMurdock**

That this House unequivocally condemns the Government's proposed implementation of a national digital ID system; notes that such a system poses a serious data security risk, given the scale, sensitivity and centralisation of required personal information; further notes that digital ID represents the potential for a significant infringement on civil liberties, enabling unprecedented levels of state monitoring, tracking and oversight of everyday activities; expresses concern that the Government has failed to explore alternative and less intrusive measures to tackle illegal working, including the simplification of existing right-to-work requirements for businesses, without compromising individual freedoms; observes with alarm that, when taken together with the cancellation of local elections, the scrapping of trial by jury in certain circumstances, and the expansion of facial recognition technologies in public spaces, the introduction of digital ID marks a further step towards an authoritarian style of governance that is incompatible with British democratic traditions; and therefore urges the Government to halt its plans for digital ID, commit to full transparency regarding its intentions, and prioritise the protection of civil liberties and privacy in all future legislative proposals.

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.

2376 Israel's use of cluster munitionsTabled: **26/11/25** Signatories: **47****Imran Hussain****Richard Burgon****Ian Byrne****Dr Ellie Chowns****Brendan O'Hara****Andrew George**

Clive Lewis

That this House expresses its alarm at evidence showing Israel used cluster munitions in its 2023 onwards invasion and bombings of Lebanon, which has killed more than 4,000 people in total; highlights that under the Convention on Cluster Munitions, an international treaty signed by Britain and more than 100 other states, the use, production, transfer and stockpiling of cluster munitions is prohibited; notes evidence showing Israel's largest arms company Elbit Systems was one of the manufacturers of the cluster munitions used in Israel's recent assault on Lebanon; further notes Elbit Systems is deeply implicated in Israel's grave violations of international law, including its genocide in Gaza; further expresses alarm that the Government allows Elbit Systems to operate factories in Britain and has awarded the company lucrative

military contracts; also expresses alarm that British bank Barclays continues to invest in Elbit Systems, despite having a policy to end financial ties with companies that trade in or manufacture cluster munitions; urges therefore Barclays bank to end all financial ties with Elbit Systems; calls for the Government to implement measures to prevent companies in Britain from aiding international law violations; and further calls on the Government, in light of this new evidence, in addition to Elbit Systems' role in Israel's grave violations of international law against Palestinians, to end all arms sales to Israel, cancel all contracts with Elbit Systems, commit to not entering into any future contracts with Elbit Systems, and to close down all of Elbit Systems' factories in Britain.

2386 **Palestine Action hunger strike**

Tabled: 1/12/25 Signatories: 40

John McDonnell
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Brian Leishman
Ms Diane Abbott
Dr Ellie Chowns
Andrew George

Kim Johnson
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Liz Saville Roberts
 Llinos Medi
 Dave Doogan

Carla Denyer
 Alex Sobel
 Ben Lake
 Dr Simon Opher
 Steve Witherden

Siân Berry
 Iqbal Mohamed
 Ann Davies
 Mary Kelly Foy

That this House expresses its extreme concern that six prisoners associated with Palestine Action have felt that they had no other recourse to protest against their prison conditions but to launch a hunger strike; and calls upon the Secretary of State for Justice to intervene urgently to ensure their treatment is humane and their human rights are upheld.

2392 **Marjorie Bahhaj**

Tabled: 1/12/25 Signatories: 7

John McDonnell
Richard Burgon
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Jon Trickett
Apsana Begum
Chris Law

Seamus Logan

That this House wishes to place on record its gratitude to Marjorie Bahhaj for devoting her life to the service of others both as a caring and professional midwife and as a campaigner for the human rights, safety and security of people the world over but in particular the Palestinian

families in Gaza, who have suffered such devastating harm; and recognises with great respect the assiduous role she has played in the numerous lobbies of Parliament to persuade Rt hon. and hon. Members and the Government to secure peace and justice for the Palestinian people.

2393 **Repression following the Iran-Israel war**

Tabled: **1/12/25** Signatories: **15**

John McDonnell
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Jim Shannon
Siân Berry
Carla Denyer
Adrian Ramsay

Liz Saville Roberts
 Ann Davies

Llinos Medi

Ben Lake

That this House condemns the new and brutal wave of widespread repression that the Iranian Islamic Republic has initiated following the 12-day Iran-Israel war; is alarmed that the regime has intensified arrests, executions and escalated the systemic violence used to suppress social and political opposition, especially targeting workers, women, and those seeking freedom in Iran; is further alarmed that the death penalty has seen a horrifying surge in the months following the war with over 1,000 people being executed thus far in 2025, marking the highest number of yearly capital punishments in decades with political prisoners and ethnic minorities being disproportionately targeted without fair trials; expresses solidarity with the No to Execution Tuesdays campaign, launched by political prisoners, which has entered its 93rd consecutive week, uniting prisoners across 54 prisons in protest against the rising number of executions; and urges the UK Government to put pressure on the government in the region to call for an immediate halt to all executions and the abolition of the death penalty and the immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners in Iran.

2398 **International Day of People with Disabilities**

Tabled: **1/12/25** Signatories: **19**

Jim Shannon
Richard Burgon
Mr Gregory Campbell
Wera Hobhouse
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Siân Berry

Liz Saville Roberts
 Ben Lake

Ann Davies
 Ian Lavery

Llinos Medi

That this House recognises the importance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, celebrated on 3 December 2025; notes the significant contribution that disabled people make to

society across this nation and that that many disabled people still face barriers to employment and health; highlights that building a disability-inclusive society in line with this year's theme, Fostering Disability Inclusive Societies for Advancing Social Progress, is essential for equality, dignity, social and economic progress in the UK and that 16.8 million people, representing 25%, of the population are disabled; and calls on the Government and all public bodies to promote and support measures that remove barriers, increase accessibility and inclusion, and ensure that disabled people are given equal opportunities.

2401 **Gaelic and Scots recognised as official languages**

Tabled: **1/12/25** Signatories: **15**

Mr Angus MacDonald

Wera Hobhouse

David Chadwick

Clive Jones

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Wendy Chamberlain

Ann Davies

Ben Lake

Liz Saville Roberts

Llinos Medi

That this House welcomes the commencement of the Scottish Languages Act 2025 on St Andrew's Day, which formally recognises Gaelic and Scots as official languages of Scotland; notes that the Act introduces new measures to strengthen language education, expand qualifications available in Gaelic, and support the creation of areas of linguistic significance to help target policies for language growth; further notes that the legislation enables research into the use of Gaelic and Scots and provides a framework for maintaining high teaching standards; recognises the cultural and historical importance of both languages to communities across Scotland; and observes that the most recent census recorded 130,161 people with some Gaelic skills and 2,444,659 with some Scots skills, both significant increases since 2011.

2405 **Sewage discharge in the Severn and Avon**

Tabled: **1/12/25** Signatories: **17**

Cameron Thomas

Mr Will Forster

Wera Hobhouse

Ian Roome

Jim Shannon

David Chadwick

Claire Young

That this House notes the ongoing sewage discharge into the Rivers Avon and Severn; expresses alarm at data showing 2024 recorded the highest ever number of hours of sewage released into local waterways that feed into the Avon; recognises the need for increased development to be

matched by investment into sewage treatment facilities; further expresses concern at water companies like Severn Trent delaying these major upgrades; calls on the Government to move with urgency to set up a new, stronger water regulator to hold water companies to account; and further calls on the Government to mandate water companies to publish the volume and concentration of discharge from all emergency overflows.

2406 Football Supporters' Association's Stop Exploiting Loyalty campaign

Tabled: **1/12/25** Signatories: **18**

Ian Lavery
Richard Burgon
Jim Shannon
Siân Berry
Grahame Morris
Kate Osborne

Lorraine Beavers

That this House expresses support for the Football Supporters' Association's Stop Exploiting Loyalty campaign which seeks to stop ticket price rises in the top-flight of English football by way of a two-year price halt for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 seasons; congratulates the 115 supporter organisations who put club rivalries aside to co-sign the letter backing that campaign; calls on the league and its clubs to share clear and transparent ticketing data, including prices, sales, policies, and demographics, with supporters; supports the use the two years to hold open, ongoing discussions with Fan Advisory Boards and supporter organisations on future pricing plans; defends concessionary pricing bands which have been under attack by clubs and understands that these concessionary pricing categories are essential in helping extend access to football for the youngest and oldest supporters as well as those with disabilities; and encourages the new Independent Football Regulator to ensure that clubs entering consultation with supporters on ticket pricing do so with integrity and guidance which goes beyond a tick box exercise and instead helps deliver football for all at a fair and affordable price.

2407 Independent Office for Police Conduct findings on Norman BettisonTabled: **1/12/25** Signatories: **26**

Ian Byrne
Richard Burgon
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Kim Johnson

Llinos Medi
Ann Davies

Liz Saville Roberts

Ben Lake

That this House notes the findings of the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) investigations relating to Sir Norman Bettison and the circumstances surrounding his application for the post of Chief Constable of Merseyside in 1998; further notes the IOPC view that had Sir Norman Bettison still been serving, he would have had a case to answer for gross misconduct, for deliberate dishonesty in relation to his explanation of his involvement in the aftermath of the Hillsborough disaster during his application for, and appointment to, the post, that he underplayed the extent of his role in the aftermath of the disaster, and that he would have a case to answer for continually providing misleading and inaccurate press statements minimising his role to one on the periphery of the post-disaster investigations carried out by SYP; urges in light of these findings that the Prime Minister immediately recommend to the Sovereign that Bettison's Knighthood be cancelled for the reason he is unworthy to retain it and in order to preserve the integrity of the honours system; and expresses the importance of this action to Hillsborough families and survivors, given that this action is the only remaining meaningful sanction Bettison can face, owing to his retirement from the police service in 2013, as officers who retired before 2017 cannot face charges despite IOPC conclusions.

2416 Jury trial rightsTabled: **2/12/25** Signatories: **30**

Karl Turner
Jim Shannon
Jon Trickett
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Andy McDonald
Richard Burgon

Liz Saville Roberts
Ann Davies

Llinos Medi

Ben Lake

That this House expresses grave concern at recent Government proposals to abolish or severely restrict the right to trial by jury in England and Wales by limiting jury trials to cases attracting sentences of less than three years; notes that trial by jury has been a centuries-old constitutional safeguard and cornerstone of liberty and democracy in our country; further notes that a jury of one's peers plays a unique role in ensuring fairness and impartiality,

drawing on diverse life experiences, local standards, and community values when evaluating evidence and credibility; is deeply troubled that replacing juries with judge-only courts for most criminal trials risks concentrating judicial power in a way that undermines transparency, public confidence, and judicial independence; recognises that the courts system faces serious challenges, including an unprecedented case backlog, long delays for victims and defendants, and pressure on resources; therefore calls on the Government to abandon proposals to abolish or restrict jury trials, and instead commit to increasing judicial sitting days, recruiting more recorders to sit in the Crown Courts, utilising disused court space, modernising court capacity, directing the Crown Prosecution Service to review cases where a lesser plea may be acceptable, and instructing the independent bar to review cases stalled while awaiting court time; and affirms that there are proper alternatives to put victims at the forefront of the justice system without attacking the fundamental right to trial before one's peers of twelve good men, women and true.

2427 **Palestinian children in Israeli military detention**

Tabled: **3/12/25** Signatories: **33**

Munira Wilson

Wera Hobhouse

Sarah Dyke

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Charlotte Cane

Tom Morrison

Liz Saville Roberts

Llinos Medi

Ben Lake

Ann Davies

Seamus Logan

That this House notes with concern that Israeli forces continue to arrest, detain and try several hundred Palestinian children in the Israeli military court and detention system each year despite evidence that that process violates international law; highlights that Israel regularly prosecutes Palestinian children in military courts which lack fundamental fair trial rights and protections; deplores reported ill-treatment of Palestinian child detainees by Israeli authorities including widespread physical and psychological violence; asserts that Israel, as the occupying power under international humanitarian law in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, is responsible for protecting the rights of Palestinian children living under military occupation; further notes that the recommendations of the 2012 Foreign and Commonwealth Office funded report, *Children in Military Custody*, UNICEF's 2013 report, *Children in Israeli Military Detention*, have not been met; also notes that the Save the Children 2024 report describes a deterioration in the treatment of detainees; believes that in no circumstances should civilians, particularly children, be detained or prosecuted under the jurisdiction of military courts or held in military detention; and urges the Government to engage with the government of Israel to end the military trial and detention of Palestinian children and, as a minimum safeguard, to respect and ensure basic due process rights and the absolute prohibition of torture and ill-treatment.

2428 Political prisoners in BangladeshTabled: **3/12/25** Signatories: **10**

Barry Gardiner
Andrew George
Carla Denyer
Siân Berry
Adrian Ramsay
Dr Ellie Chowns

Liz Saville Roberts

Llinos Medi

Ben Lake

That this House notes with concern that many former MPs, journalists and judges have been imprisoned without charge for over a year in Bangladesh; recalls that justice delayed is justice denied; expresses its concern that there has been a resurgence of human rights abuses by state institutions, including over 40 extrajudicial killings in the 15 months since the resignation of the previous government, as documented by the human rights organisation Odhikar; and urges the interim government led by Muhammad Yunus to ensure that the rights of minorities are respected and that proper judicial process is followed.

2429 North East Fife restaurants named among world's bestTabled: **3/12/25** Signatories: **7**

Wendy Chamberlain
Sarah Dyke
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Dr Al Pinkerton
Clive Jones
Chris Law

Helen Maguire

That this House congratulates two outstanding North East Fife restaurants on being named among the world's best in the prestigious LaListe 2026 guide; celebrates Haar in St Andrews and The Peat Inn near Largoward, two of only 10 Scottish restaurants to receive this honour; recognises the remarkable achievement of ranking among the top 1000 restaurants globally and the role this plays in putting North East Fife firmly on the international food map; acknowledges their commitment to showcasing exceptional local produce and the valuable boost they bring to our local hospitality sector; and wishes both restaurants every continued success in the years ahead.

2432 Thanking postal workersTabled: **4/12/25** Signatories: **56****Lee Barron****Chris Webb****Andy McDonald****Jon Trickett****James McMurdock****Peter Lamb**

David Mundell

Samantha Niblett

Sojan Joseph

Lizzi Collinge

Llinos Medi

Ben Lake

Margaret Mullane

Zarah Sultana

Lorraine Beavers

Michelle Welsh

Liz Saville Roberts

Patricia Ferguson

Sorcha Eastwood

Richard Burgon

Jacob Collier

Jodie Gosling

Ann Davies

That this House notes that a majority of Britons, 54 percent, intend to send their Christmas gifts this year using Royal Mail, an increase from 30 percent in 2024; recognises the vital role Royal Mail continues to play in connecting families and communities; and expresses its sincere thanks to every postman, postwoman, and member of Royal Mail staff who sort and deliver parcels, cards, and letters in all weather conditions and at all times of day throughout the Christmas period and at all times of the year.

2434 Russian shadow fleetTabled: **4/12/25** Signatories: **13****Steve Darling****Mr Joshua Reynolds****David Chadwick****Clive Jones****Dr Ellie Chowns****Helen Maguire**

Peter Lamb

That this House recognises that the Baltic Sea, and specifically Danish waters, form a strategic maritime choke-point on which the Russian shadow fleet relies to export oil, and that the operation of this fleet presents a serious threat to sanctions on Russian oil and on the environment; notes that a new multilateral convention could regulate the conditions of passage for all commercial ships transiting the Baltic by requiring vessels to hold valid insurance, be flagged to a legitimate state, carry certified crews and meet seaworthiness and safety certification standards, with inspection or denial of passage where compliance cannot be demonstrated; believes that such measures would uphold international law, enhance environmental protection in one of the world's most fragile enclosed seas, and significantly disrupt Russia's oil export system by increasing the compliance costs and legal risks faced by sanctions-busting networks; and urges the Government, together with European and Baltic

partners, to support the development of a modern Copenhagen framework to lawfully constrain the Russian shadow fleet and reduce the Kremlin's ability to fund its aggression.

2435 **Habitat regulations**

Tabled: **4/12/25** Signatories: **37**

Chris Hinchliff
Barry Gardiner
Mr Richard Quigley
Peter Prinsley
Dr Simon Opher
Olivia Blake

Ian Lavery

That this House recognises that the public overwhelmingly values nature, and expresses concern that recommendations 11 and 12 of the Nuclear Regulatory Review propose a weakening of the Habitats Regulations; believes that this would constitute a sledgehammer to crack a nut; notes that the Habitats Regulations applied in full during periods of speedy infrastructure delivery before the austerity of the last Government; further notes that reported recent Habitats Regulations issues affecting nuclear projects can be traced back to cuts to regulators and planning bodies and to project and political decisions; highlights that these issues could be swiftly resolved by improved guidance and by increasing ecological skills and capacity in the planning system; warns that the Review proposal to instead weaken the Habitats Regulations would unnecessarily undermine legal protections for our most important sites for wildlife at a time of accelerating nature decline and take longer than non-legislative action; and urges the Government to remember its welcome commitment to deliver infrastructure alongside nature recovery.

2436 **Cancelled mayoral elections**

Tabled: **8/12/25** Signatories: **5**

James McMurdock
Jim Shannon
Andrew Rosindell
Nigel Farage
Rupert Lowe

That this House expresses its discontent at the decision to cancel multiple mayoral elections in 2026; notes that on Monday 1 December 2025, two days before the cancellation was revealed in the media, the Government stated in response to Written Parliamentary Question 94117 on Local Government: Essex that there were no plans to cancel any May 2026 elections except in Surrey; expresses its disappointment that the House of Commons has been informed of major policy changes only after they have been reported in the media; and calls on the Government

to proceed with the scheduled mayoral elections and to confirm that all other elections due to take place in 2026 will proceed as planned.

2437 **Florian Dargel award of Emmy**

Tabled: **8/12/25** Signatories: **2**

Wendy Chamberlain
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Florian Dargel on his Emmy win as TV producer of *Fallen for Apple TV*; celebrates the fact that Florian accepted his award wearing his lucky tartan trews which once got him thrown out of the Cannes Film Festival for breaking dress code, as a proud nod to Scotland and his creative spirit; recognises the global success of *Fallen* and the exceptional achievement this represents; notes with pride Dargel receiving international recognition; and sends him the sincere best wishes of this House for continued success in his career and future projects.

2438 **Bulphan Church of England Academy**

Tabled: **8/12/25** Signatories: **2**

James McMurdock
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Bulphan Church of England Academy, established in 1853, on its outstanding achievement of a 100% SATs pass rate last year; recognises the school's vital contribution to the Bulphan community and its role in shaping generations of learners; and applauds the academy for showcasing the finest qualities of village schools.

2439 **UK participation in Eurovision Song Contest 2026**

Tabled: **8/12/25** Signatories: **9**

Zarah Sultana
Dr Ellie Chowns
Carla Denyer
Brian Leishman
Graham Leadbitter
Apsana Begum

Kim Johnson

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Richard Burgon

That this House notes with deep concern the decision of the European Broadcasting Union to allow Israel to participate in the 2026 Eurovision Song Contest, despite widespread concerns over Israel's genocide in Gaza and its grave violations of international law in the West Bank; further notes that Ireland, Spain, the Netherlands and Slovenia have announced their withdrawal from the contest in protest; believes that UK participation would risk legitimising

Israel's conduct and normalising genocide and apartheid; acknowledges the importance of cultural boycotts as a peaceful and principled means of opposing genocide, apartheid and grave breaches of international law, and recalls the decisive role that cultural boycotts played in challenging apartheid South Africa; and calls on the UK Government and the BBC to suspend UK involvement in the 2026 contest, for as long as there remain credible concerns regarding compliance with international law.

2440 **Review of deportation powers**

Tabled: **8/12/25** Signatories: **2**

James McMurdock

Jim Shannon

That this House reaffirms that the first duty of government is the defence of the realm, including the safeguarding of the public purse and the integrity of the social contract; notes that the United Kingdom has long chosen to offer safety and shelter to those seeking refuge and opportunity, but that such provision is a voluntary act of national generosity rather than an unconditional entitlement; believes that those who consistently take more from the country than they contribute, who break the law, who make little or no effort to integrate, or who actively undermine this country's norms and values, breach that social contract; and calls on the Government to review the legal and policy framework relating to asylum, deportation, and removals in order to ensure that it robustly protects the public interest and upholds the expectations placed upon all who reside in this country.

2441 **International Day of Human Rights and the persecution of Christians**

Tabled: **8/12/25** Signatories: **3**

Jim Shannon

Jim Allister

James McMurdock

That this House marks the International Day of Human Rights and expresses its deep concern at the continued persecution of Christian communities around the world; notes with alarm the rise in targeted violence, discrimination, intimidation, and restrictions on worship faced by Christians in numerous regions; recognises that freedom of thought, conscience and religion is a fundamental right protected under international law and acknowledges the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council and other human-rights organisations in documenting violations and calling for stronger protections for religious minorities; and urges the UK Government to use its tools to support vulnerable Christian communities at risk of persecution and to defend the universal and inalienable right of all people to practice their faith freely and without fear.

2442 Kidnapping of school children in NigeriaTabled: **8/12/25** Signatories: **2****Jim Shannon****James McMurdock**

That this House expresses its deep concern at the recent mass kidnapping of hundreds of school children and teachers in Nigeria; condemns the targeting of schools and the abduction of children, which constitutes a grave violation of human rights and international humanitarian norms; notes the urgent warnings issued by UNICEF regarding the escalating threats to children's safety and education in the region; highlights how we should work with international partners, including child-protection agencies, to support efforts aimed at securing the safe release of all those still held captive; and urges the Government to strengthen of measures to protect schools and learners from armed groups across the world to help them access education free from violence, fear, or intimidation.

2443 25th anniversary of Blyth Offshore Wind FarmTabled: **8/12/25** Signatories: **4****Pippa Heylings****Jim Shannon****Helen Maguire****Richard Burgon**

That this House celebrates the twenty fifth anniversary of the Blyth Offshore Wind Farm in Northumberland, the United Kingdom's first offshore wind farm, and recognises its pioneering role in launching the nation's offshore renewable energy sector; notes that domestic offshore wind generation has reduced the United Kingdom's spending on imported fuels by at least thirty billion pounds, strengthening national energy security; highlights that without offshore wind an estimated one billion pounds could have been spent on Russian LNG and coal imports; further celebrates that offshore wind has generated more than four hundred terawatt hours of clean electricity and now provides around seventeen per cent of the United Kingdom's power; recognises that the United Kingdom is now a global leader in offshore wind deployment, second only to China in total capacity and home to five of the largest offshore wind farms in the world; further notes that Britain recently set a new maximum wind generation record of 22,711 megawatts, enough to power more than twenty two million homes; acknowledges the contribution of these early projects in driving the national transition from gas to renewables and enabling future growth and innovation in the wind energy sector; and reaffirms its commitment to renewable energy technologies that lower household bills and provide long term energy security for communities across the country.

2444 UK Sail GP TeamTabled: **8/12/25** Signatories: **3****Neil Duncan-Jordan**
Jim Shannon
Brian Leishman

That this House congratulates the UK Sail GP team on winning the annual world championship in Abu Dhabi; notes that the sport involves 50 foot foiling catamarans racing around a short course close to land, so spectators can watch and enjoy the action; understands that the technology involved enables the boats to achieve almost 100km per hour powered just by wind; recognises the winning team of six included multi-Olympic medallist and Poole constituent Hannah Mills; and salutes the work she does to promote sailing opportunities for women and young people generally, especially around the local sailing clubs in the area.

2445 Northern Powerhouse Rail and WalesTabled: **8/12/25** Signatories: **6****David Chadwick**
Jim Shannon
Liz Saville Roberts
Llinos Medi
Ben Lake
Ann Davies

That this House notes with concern the classification of Northern Powerhouse Rail as an England and Wales project despite no part of the route being located in Wales; further notes that this follows similar classifications for HS2 and East-West Rail, which have resulted in Wales not receiving consequential funding for transport under the Barnett formula; recognises estimates that the latest decision could lead to Wales forgoing between £1.34 billion and £1.59 billion in additional funding, on top of previous projected losses from HS2 and East-West Rail, amounting in total to approximately £6 billion; acknowledges the acknowledged pressures on Wales's transport infrastructure and the importance of adequate investment to support communities and economic growth; also notes that Scotland and Northern Ireland will receive consequential funding from Northern Powerhouse Rail and other major transport projects in England; and calls on the Government to review the classification of major rail projects and to ensure that funding arrangements operate fairly and transparently for all parts of the United Kingdom, including consideration of devolving responsibilities or revising project classifications where appropriate to avoid future disparities.

2446 Kinloss Primary School's See You Soon songTabled: **8/12/25** Signatories: **2****Graham Leadbitter****Jim Shannon**

That this House applauds the children of Kinloss Primary School on the creation of their song See You Soon, which reflects on the important bonds between classmates in a military community; celebrates the maturity and empathy shown by pupils during the project; acknowledges the unique experience of military families and how challenging the impact of frequent moves can be on children both in the military family and the host community; pays tribute to the teamwork by pupils in the creation of this project; and further pays tribute to the work done by organisations such as The Dandelion Project and Never Such Innocence, who were involved in the song and provide a range of support to military families.

2447 Ffestiniog and Welsh Highland Railways National Rail Heritage AwardTabled: **8/12/25** Signatories: **5****Liz Saville Roberts****Ben Lake****Llinos Medi****Ann Davies****Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates the Ffestiniog and Welsh Highland Railways on receiving the Network Rail Award for Best Overall Entry at the National Rail Heritage Awards for the redevelopment of the historic Boston Lodge Works near Porthmadog; notes that Boston Lodge, dating back almost 200 years, is recognised as the world's oldest railway engineering works, unique for having built steam locomotives in the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries; commends the £5 million redevelopment project, supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the Ffestiniog Railway Society and the Ffestiniog and Welsh Highland Railway Trust, which conserved and restored listed buildings while creating modern facilities to secure the site's future; further notes that the project successfully balanced heritage and operational needs, and will allow public access to the workshops from 2026; and celebrates the railway's continuing contribution to heritage engineering, tourism, and the cultural identity of Gwynedd and Wales, including its role in the UNESCO-designated Slate Landscape of Northwest Wales World Heritage Site.

2448 Lando Norris wins Formula One World Driver's ChampionshipTabled: **8/12/25** Signatories: **5**

Sarah Dyke
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Jim Shannon
Helen Maguire
David Chadwick

That this House congratulates Lando Norris on becoming Britain's 11th Formula One World Champion; notes that following his third place finish at the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix yesterday, Norris topped the 2025 Formula One World Driver's Championship with 7 wins and 18 podiums amassing a total of 423 championship points; understands that Lando's World Championship has delivered McLaren's first title since 2008; praises the tireless work of McLaren, based at the McLaren Technology Centre in Woking; further notes that Lando was raised in Glastonbury and attended Millfield School in Street, with the area having played a central role in the formative years of his life and karting career, having started racing to the age of 8 before going onto compete in OK-Junior Class racing; further praises Lando on a phenomenal season in Formula One, being a great source of pride for the local community; and wishes him a further success in his Formula One career.

2449 Changing Places toiletsTabled: **8/12/25** Signatories: **2**

James McMurdock
Jim Shannon

That this House notes the continued lack of Changing Places toilet facilities in many towns and public venues across the UK; recognises that Changing Places toilets provide essential equipment for disabled people to comfortably access public spaces in their communities; acknowledges that the absence of these facilities forces individuals to be changed on the floors of standard disabled toilets and prevents many disabled people from going out altogether, undermining dignity and equality; and calls on the Government to ensure that Changing Places toilets are included in major public buildings, transport hubs and town-centres, and to work with local authorities to deliver comprehensive national coverage so that disabled people can participate equally in society.

2450 Steve and Isobel Weake and Cycle Power Adaptive Cycling ClubTabled: **8/12/25** Signatories: **5****Liz Saville Roberts****Jim Shannon****Llinos Medi****Ben Lake****Ann Davies**

That this House congratulates Steve and Isobel Weake, founders of Cycle Power Adaptive Cycling Club, on receiving recognition at the Byw'n Iach annual awards for their outstanding contribution to sport and inclusion; notes that the club was established to provide safe, accessible cycling opportunities for children and adults with physical disabilities, learning difficulties or sensory impairments across Gwynedd and beyond; commends the club for offering a wide range of adaptive cycles, enabling those who cannot ride a standard bicycle to enjoy the benefits of cycling; recognises the club's success in building a thriving community with regular sessions, partnerships with Derwen Children's Services and local organisations, and its role in rehabilitation and improving mental wellbeing; and pays tribute to Steve and Isobel Weake and all volunteers for their dedication in promoting inclusive sport and inspiring others to embrace adaptive cycling.

2451 Armed exports to the United Arab Emirates and the situation in SudanTabled: **8/12/25** Signatories: **14****Brian Leishman****Kim Johnson****Jeremy Corbyn****John McDonnell****Nadia Whittome****Richard Burgon**

Dr Ellie Chowns

Liz Saville Roberts

Ann Davies

Kate Osborne

Llinos Medi

Steve Witherden

Ian Byrne

Ben Lake

That this House is deeply alarmed by evidence that British-made military equipment exported to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has been diverted to, and is being used by, the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in Sudan; notes that the RSF is carrying out mass atrocities, including the killing of more than 150,000 people, the forced displacement of nearly 12 million civilians, and the deliberate use of starvation, leaving almost 25 million people facing acute hunger; further notes reports that British-manufactured components, including Cummins engines found in armoured vehicles and Militec small-arms targeting devices, have been discovered in Sudanese combat zones; is concerned that the UK has authorised £417 million of further arms exports to the UAE over the past three years; condemns the Government's decision to issue an official invitation to the UAE to attend the DSEI arms fair, while failing to challenge its role in the Sudan conflict; and urges the Government to immediately impose an arms embargo on the UAE, suspend all

existing licences, and commit to an independent investigation into the UK's potential complicity in violations of international law in Sudan.

2452 **McLaren title win for British motorsport**

Tabled: **8/12/25** Signatories: **7**

Mr Will Forster
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Jim Shannon
Ian Roome
Helen Maguire
Adam Dance

David Chadwick

That this House celebrates the outstanding success of the United Kingdom in Formula One; congratulates Lando Norris, from Somerset, on becoming the Formula One World Drivers' Champion; further congratulates McLaren, based in Woking, on winning 2025 Formula One World Constructors' Championship and recognises the team's longstanding contribution to British engineering and motorsport excellence; notes the Prime Minister's visit to the McLaren Technology Centre in Woking on 8 December 2025 to meet staff, celebrate the team's achievements and discuss the future of British motorsport; acknowledges that the United Kingdom continues to dominate Formula One through world leading teams, drivers, engineers, and innovation; and calls on the Government to continue supporting the motorsport sector as a national success story.

2453 **Horton Cemetery**

Tabled: **8/12/25** Signatories: **3**

Helen Maguire
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Jim Shannon

That this House notes the significant historic, cultural and community value of Horton Cemetery, the final resting place of more than 9,000 former patients of the Epsom cluster of psychiatric hospitals, many of whom lie in unmarked graves; expresses deep concern and regret that this cemetery remains privately owned following its sale by the Department of Health and Social Care in 1983; recognises that the Epsom cluster, once the largest concentration of mental health hospitals in Europe, forms an important part of the nation's heritage and collective memory; further notes that the site has deteriorated into increasing dereliction and, being privately owned, has become largely inaccessible to the public; commends the dedicated efforts of local campaigners, including Friends of Horton Cemetery, who work tirelessly to preserve the dignity of those buried there and to secure the cemetery's future; further recognises the vital contribution of projects such as the Lost Souls in bringing to light the lives and stories of those historically stigmatised because of mental ill health; also notes that the continued

neglect, inaccessibility and threat of development serve to perpetuate the silence, shame and marginalisation that many of these individuals faced in life; calls on the Government to urgently safeguard Horton Cemetery and other historic pauper burial sites to ensure they are protected from development or exhumation; and urges the Government to explore the establishment of a national memorial to honour those who lived and died in institutional settings, ensuring their stories are remembered with dignity and respect.

2454 **Driver-only trains on East West Rail**

Tabled: **8/12/25** Signatories: **5**

John McDonnell
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Brian Leishman
Richard Burgon
Ian Lavery

That this House notes that rail operator Chiltern, which was appointed as the operator of the initial phase of East West Rail by the Department for Transport, has informed the rail unions of its intention to operate the route via Driver Only Operation (DOO); further notes that, under DOO, there is no guarantee of a second safety-critical person on all services to undertake vital functions, including deterring anti-social behaviour, assisting accessibility for disabled and older passengers, responding to incidents, emergency evacuations, safe dispatch and dealing with fires; believes the recent attacks on an LNER service at Huntingdon station reinforce the vital role played by on-train staff, including during emergencies; understands that, in 2026, Chiltern will be renationalised and come into public ownership; believes that passengers feel more safe and secure if there is a guarantee of a second safety-critical person on the train; and calls on the Government to instruct Chiltern to withdraw its plans for DOO.

2455 **Valporate report**

Tabled: **8/12/25** Signatories: **7**

Sarah Gibson
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Jim Shannon
Wera Hobhouse
Helen Maguire
Claire Young

David Chadwick

That this House expresses deep concern at the continuing impact on individuals and families affected by harm linked to prenatal exposure to sodium valproate; notes that the Patient Safety Commissioner published a report in February 2024 outlining options for a two-stage approach to potential redress for those affected; further notes that families continue to report significant physical, neurodevelopmental, educational and social challenges arising from this

harm; recognises the frustration expressed by affected families and campaigners at the lack of a substantive Government response; and calls on His Majesty's Government to give full and urgent consideration to the findings and recommendations of the Patient Safety Commissioner's report and to set out in due course how it intends to respond.