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Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 16 September 2020

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New EDMs

893 **Air pollution and inequality**

Tabled: 16/09/20 Signatories: 8

Apsana Begum
Claudia Webbe
Ms Diane Abbott
Ian Byrne
Jeremy Corbyn
John McDonnell

Zarah Sultana

Richard Burgon

That this House expresses its concern at the recent findings of the Environment Agency's State of the Environment report; notes that air pollution is the single biggest environmental threat to people's health in the UK; further notes that many environmental factors, such as pollution and flooding, have been found to contribute to an increase in mental health conditions; is further concerned that access to nature is not equally distributed across our society and that exposure to pollution mirrors that difference; recognises that those living in more deprived areas experience the poorest quality of environment, as well as worse health, and that those facts are linked; asserts that in Tower Hamlets, according to campaigners, more than 40 per cent of the borough's population live with unacceptable air quality; further asserts that examples such as Tower Hamlets often reflect the higher levels of inequality experienced by BAME communities; and calls on the Government to implement clean air policies, accompanied by an equalities report, to ensure that air quality levels are equal across our society and to ensure that the right to clean air is not determined by income or ethnic background.

894 Nordstream 2 pipeline

Tabled: 16/09/20 Signatories: 1

Daniel Kawczynski

That this House notes the danger posed to the security of NATO by the Nordstream 2 pipeline; and urges the Government to impose sanctions on all companies involved in that project.

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.

830 Ban on sample sachets

Tabled: 2/09/20 Signatories: 14

Ben Lake**Jim Shannon****Sir Mike Penning****Allan Dorans****Jonathan Edwards****Neale Hanvey**

John McDonnell

That this House notes that globally personal care companies produce some 120 billion plastic sachets each year; recognises these samples of shampoo, moisturiser and fragrance placed end-to-end would stretch to the moon 27 times over; recognises that these sachets are completely non-recyclable and will almost always end up in the environment; notes a raft of reusable and more environmentally friendly alternatives are available; is concerned the Environment Bill fails to address pollution caused by plastic sachets; believes the Government must act urgently to stamp out the impact of plastic sachets on the environment; and backs campaign group A Plastic Planet's calls for a ban on all non-food plastic sachets across the UK.

845 CCRC review of Oliver Campbell's case

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 5

Mr Barry Sheerman**Jim Shannon****John Cryer****Lloyd Russell-Moyle****Rosie Cooper**

That this House welcomes the decision of the Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC) to reconsider objectively, independently and professionally the case of Oliver Campbell, who has severe learning difficulties and whose conviction in 1990 for murder was based on a confession extracted in an oppressive manner at a trial where the jury did not know that his co-defendant had exonerated him in an interview with police; encourages the CCRC to refer the case to the Court of Appeal to enable Oliver's conviction to be quashed and wishes to give special thanks to Oliver Campbell's former MP, Sandy Martin, who brought the House's attention to the case of Oliver Campbell through a Westminster Hall debate in the summer of 2019.

863 Post-Covid-19 supportTabled: **8/09/20** Signatories: **28**

Carol Monaghan
Andrew Gwynne
Clive Lewis
Jim Shannon
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Margaret Ferrier

Grahame Morris

That this House is concerned that many individuals who contracted covid-19 are continuing to be affected by the virus many months after their initial infection; notes that these post-viral symptoms can include: extreme fatigue, dizziness, severe headaches and muscular pain, inability to concentrate and post-exertional malaise; further notes that exercise can amplify these symptoms; recognises that many of these symptoms are familiar to those suffering from post-viral conditions, such as myalgic encephalomyelitis; calls on the Government to make a clear statement that increasing levels of exercise may have adverse long-term health effects for those recovering from covid-19; and urges the Government to make a statement on the financial support that will be made available for people who are currently unable to return to work as a result of post-Covid-19 symptoms.

868 10th anniversary of the papal visitTabled: **9/09/20** Signatories: **11**

Mike Kane [R]
Mohammad Yasin
Patrick Grady
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Chris Stephens
John McDonnell

Rosie Cooper

That this House warmly recalls the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the UK between 16 and 19 September 2010; notes his address to parliamentarians in Westminster Hall where he reminded us that religion is not a problem for legislators to solve, but a vital contributor to the national conversation; recognises the important contribution of Catholic parishes, charities and schools to our communities; and sends its best wishes to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Pope Francis and the Catholic community across the entire UK on this important anniversary.

870 Opposing Lawfare in Latin AmericaTabled: **10/09/20** Signatories: **14**

Richard Burgon
Jeremy Corbyn
Ms Diane Abbott
Ian Lavery
Apsana Begum
Claudia Webbe

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Ian Byrne

That this House is deeply concerned by the growing abuses of the legal system for political purposes in Latin America to exclude candidates from running in elections; notes that this practice known

as lawfare was used to prevent Workers' Party leader Lula da Silva from standing in the last presidential election in Brazil, where he was favourite to win, with Jair Bolsonaro subsequently elected; condemns the recent use of lawfare against Rafael Correa in Ecuador that has ruled him out as a candidate for Vice President in the coming elections and the exclusion of Evo Morales as a candidate for the Bolivian Senate; believes free and fair elections in those countries would include those candidates; notes that such anti-democratic practices have targeted politicians opposed to unpopular neo-liberal policies; and further believes that the UK government should make clear its opposition to the use of lawfare.

876 National Hygiene Week

Tabled: 11/09/20 Signatories: 11

Munira Wilson
Layla Moran
Liz Saville Roberts
Hywel Williams
Sarah Olney
Sir Mike Penning

John McDonnell

Jamie Stone

That this House notes that National Hygiene Week ran by The Hygiene Bank falls on the week beginning 14 September; highlights that one fifth of the UK population lives in poverty and that the number is growing exponentially in 2020 due to the covid-19 outbreak; is concerned that people who are facing poverty are having to make difficult financial decisions between basic living costs such as rent, food and hygiene; further notes that people experiencing hygiene poverty are not able to access what they need to be clean, safe and well; commends the work of The Hygiene Bank, founded by Lizzy Hall, and volunteers all over the UK in raising awareness of hygiene poverty and taking action to tackle it; and urges the Government to take steps to solve hygiene poverty to restore people's dignity, self-confidence and mental wellbeing.

879 125th anniversary of Confederation of Indian Industry

Tabled: 14/09/20 Signatories: 4

Bob Blackman
Jim Shannon
Mr Virendra Sharma
John Spellar

That this House congratulates the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) as it marks its 125th year in shaping India's development journey; notes that this year, more than ever before, the CII will continue to proactively transform Indian industry's role in nation building not only in India but in the UK as well; thanks the CII for its role in representing Indian industry in the UK; recognises the huge contribution made by the 850 Indian companies in the UK by creating over 110,793 jobs and contributing £41.2 billion in revenue, noting the encouraging figures published in the India Meets Britain Tracker of CII and Grant Thornton; and urges the Governments of India and the UK to enter into a free trade agreement to encourage preferential economic partnership between the two countries.

880 Suspension of income requirements for family visas

Tabled: 14/09/20 Signatories: 24

Stuart C McDonald
 Jim Shannon
 Jonathan Edwards
 Deidre Brock
 Margaret Ferrier
 Richard Thomson

Caroline Lucas
 Ronnie Cowan
 Martyn Day
 Ms Diane Abbott

Tommy Sheppard
 Ian Blackford
 Kirsten Oswald

John McDonnell
 Ben Lake
 Drew Hendry

That this House notes that there are thousands of couples and families who are currently separated, or at imminent risk of becoming separated, due to restrictive income requirements for British nationals and settled residents wishing to be joined in the UK by a partner from outside the EEA; welcomes the Minister for Immigration's commitment of 23 March 2020 that no one will have a negative outcome through the immigration system due to a circumstance that was beyond their control; further notes that family separation would clearly constitute such a negative outcome; further welcomes that Minister's statement of 1 September 2020 that the circumstances brought about by the coronavirus pandemic are exceptional; notes with concern, however, that income requirements continue to be imposed on the sponsors of people applying to enter or remain in the UK with their British families despite those assurances; notes that guidance for caseworkers makes no mention of flexibility in the application of income requirements; is deeply troubled by the potential impact on those who must meet those income requirements of mass job losses caused by the coronavirus pandemic; and calls on the Government therefore to immediately suspend income requirements.

882 BBC Scotland and daily covid-19 briefings

Tabled: 14/09/20 Signatories: 7

Patricia Gibson
 Jim Shannon
 John Nicolson
 Stewart Hosie
 Chris Stephens
 Alyn Smith

Owen Thompson

That this House condemns the decision of BBC Scotland to stop broadcasting the Scottish Government's briefings on the covid-19 pandemic in Scotland; notes the consistent public interest in these briefings throughout this health crisis; is bewildered by the timing of this decision given that this is now a critical point when the public needs to be kept fully and speedily informed of any changes in public health advice as covid-19 cases begin to rise again; questions the BBC's status as a public service broadcaster in the light of this decision given that these televised covid-19 updates are particularly valuable to older people, those with hearing difficulties and those who are not always able to access online information; is not aware that medical experts were consulted on the efficacy of this decision and the implications it potentially poses for public health; is concerned that this decision was made following pressure from both the Conservative and Labour parties; and is aware that many have questioned the political neutrality of this BBC decision given that the new BBC director general is a former Conservative party councillor.

884 Centrica

Tabled: 14/09/20 Signatories: 30

John Cryer
Chris Stephens
Dawn Butler
Neil Coyle
John McDonnell
Judith Cummins

Richard Thomson
 Martyn Day
 Stuart C McDonald

Yvonne Fovargue
 Carol Monaghan

Tommy Sheppard
 John Spellar

That this House recognises the constructive approach taken by GMB Union and Unison in negotiations around their members' pay and conditions with British Gas and its parent company Centrica; condemns the tactics employed by that company in commencing those negotiations with threats to dismiss and re-engage its UK workforce on lesser terms; commends British Gas workers who while furloughed during the covid-19 outbreak voluntarily delivered thousands of food parcels with the Trussell Trust; and calls on the company to do the right thing, withdraw the Section 188 notice of potential redundancies and negotiate in good faith with workers' unions.

888 Rural crime

Tabled: 15/09/20 Signatories: 4

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Sir Mike Penning

That this House notes that rural crime cost the UK £54 million in 2019, an increase of almost 9 per cent on the previous year according to the NFU which represents three quarters of farms and rural businesses; further notes the need for investment in security on farms; and calls on the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to consider a scheme which would improve security on the farm and prevent rural crime from making the difficult life of a farmer from being unnecessarily more stressful and difficult.

889 National Eczema Week

Tabled: 15/09/20 Signatories: 6

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Jonathan Edwards
Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Sir Mike Penning
Chris Stephens

That this House notes that it is National Eczema week starting on 16 September this year until 22 September; further notes the prevalence and the need for awareness of this disease to be highlighted with the mission to let the public know it is more common than a rash to ignore; underlines it has been estimated that up to 15 million people in the UK could be living with eczema with information showing that in 2015, GPs in England wrote about 27 million prescriptions for the topical agents used in the treatment of atopic dermatitis (eczema) at a cost of approximately £169 million; and recognises that early treatment can be effective and improve quality of life.

890 Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Tabled: 15/09/20 Signatories: 10

Alexander Stafford
 Tim Farron
 Jim Shannon
 Ben Lake
 Jonathan Edwards
 Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Grahame Morris
 Jamie Stone

Dr Rupa Huq

Sir Mike Penning

That this House welcomes and applauds that nothing stops a Macmillan Coffee Morning, not even coronavirus; acknowledges that cancer hasn't stopped during the pandemic where one in two people will be diagnosed in their lifetimes; recognises that Macmillan Cancer Support is currently campaigning to restore cancer care and treatment to prevent cancer from becoming the forgotten C in the coronavirus pandemic; notes the charity believes it is facing its hardest year in its 109-year existence, as it juggles delivery of its critical support for people with cancer from its famous nurses to its vital free helpline, alongside a significant drop in income due to fundraising events being cancelled; congratulates Macmillan Cancer Support who will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary of World's Biggest Coffee morning on Friday 25 September; understands that it is more important than ever to support this much loved annual event and calls on all members to raise a mug on social media this September to demonstrate support for the three million people living with cancer across the UK and show that they will not be forgotten within this crisis.

891 Kenyan land dispossession

Tabled: 15/09/20 Signatories: 6

Claudia Webbe
 Ms Diane Abbott
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 John McDonnell
 Zarah Sultana
 Kate Osborne

That this House stands in solidarity with the people of Kenya who are seeking redress for the theft of their lands under the British colonial Government, who handed some 500,000 acres to white settlers, and to British registered companies; recognises that over 100,000 Kipsigi and Talai people were forcibly removed from their ancestral lands in Kericho and Bomet Counties, the best farmland in Kenya, and many left to die of starvation in Gwassii, an arid area miles from their home; notes that similar ethnic cleansing forcibly removed over 50,000 Masai pastoralists in Laikipia County, so that they are now squatters on their own lands; recognises that this was a systematic and oppressive abuse of many ethnic groups in Kenya; urges the British Government to accept liability and issue a long-overdue apology for these historical injustices; expresses alarm that British registered companies, Unilever Ltd, James Finlay Tea, George Williamson Tea, Sotik Tea and Sotik Highlands Tea continue to occupy stolen lands, artificially fix the price of tea to deny local farmers a fair price, and exploit tea workers with appalling working conditions, substandard housing, with no investment in local schools and communities; supports the campaign of Kenyan people to rectify these historical injustices; and calls upon these ranches, the British Government and these five tea companies, to implement fully the 2019 ruling of the Kenya National Land Commission, and address the colonial and current day oppression and exploitation of Kenyan people.

892 Hunterston B nuclear power station

Tabled: 15/09/20 Signatories: 2

Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon

That this House notes the announcement by EDF Energy that Hunterston B nuclear power station is set to begin decommissioning no later than January 2022, having been in operation since 1976; understands the site currently employs around 520 staff as well as 250 contractors, and contributes an estimated £54 million a year to the North Ayrshire economy; realises the pressing need to expand renewable energy production in Scotland in order to transition to becoming carbon neutral as well as the need to attract inward investment to North Ayrshire; recognises that EDF Renewables is already one of the UK's leading renewable energy companies, specialising in wind power, solar and battery storage technology and hopes to see a continuation of the development of such technologies in North Ayrshire; is aware that the Hunterston site has huge potential with its highly skilled workforce who are well placed to deliver renewable energy production which would play an important role in helping Scotland meet its environmental responsibilities, while also delivering long-term sustainable economic growth for the local area; and calls on the Government to work alongside the Scottish Government and North Ayrshire Council to ensure that the site's potential is fully realised to continue to support jobs and investment in the local area in the future.