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New EDMs

1275 Restoration of the Parliamentary Estate and the River Thames

Tabled: 15/12/20 Signatories: 1

Mr Barry Sheerman

That this House welcomes the role of Parliamentary Works Sponsor Body; recognises its status as determined by the Parliamentary Buildings (Restoration and Renewal) Act 2019; further recognises the huge scale of the restoration of the parliamentary estate; notes the immense disruption that this will mean for transport, commerce and movement across Westminster and the wider capital; further recognises the potential of the River Thames in mitigating the disruption that the restoration to the estate will cause across London's roads; urges the Parliamentary Works Sponsor Body to include both a river option for transferring materials as a requirement and an environmental impact assessment in the tendering process; and calls on the Government to consider broader and more sustainable use of the River Thames in terms of commerce, transport and construction and the greater use of the River Thames to improve air quality and lower congestion across the capital.

1276 Happy Christmas message

Tabled: 15/12/20 Signatories: 2

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan

That this House notes the celebrations of Christmas and the family time that it brings which is needed now more than ever; encourages the public to make good choices and to take every precaution to keep safe and keep our loved ones safe; takes the opportunity to highlight the Birth of Christ and that the beginning of God's redemptive plan of love is the true foundation of Christmas; conveys our sincere sympathy to those who will find Christmas very difficult to celebrate with the empty chair around the table this year; expresses our profound gratitude to every key worker who will miss part or all of Christmas to keep providing care and love for those in need; and

further takes this opportunity to wish every constituent, friend and ally of this United Kingdom a very peaceful and safe Christmas and a healthy and happy new year.

1277 Passing of Barbara Windsor

Tabled: 15/12/20 Signatories: 2

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan

That this House notes with great sadness the death of Dame Barbara Windsor; highlights her tremendous career bringing laughter and joy to so many through her career; further highlights her wonderful charity work that paved the way for her Queen's Honour in the form of the DBE; and extends sympathy to those who loved her and will miss her knowing that her memory will live on in the hearts and minds of so many throughout this UK.

1278 Criminalisation of dissent in India

Tabled: 15/12/20 Signatories: 6

Apsana Begum
Ms Diane Abbott
Layla Moran
Brendan O'Hara
Caroline Lucas
Zarah Sultana

That this House expresses its profound concern at the growing number of arrests in India of human rights defenders, student leaders, feminist activists, Dalit rights campaigners, trade unionists, Opposition politicians, and writers, artists, lawyers, academics and journalists who are critical of Narendra Modi's regime; notes that many of these arrests have been made under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, which owes its origins to colonial-era repressive legislation; further notes that ruling-party leaders have engaged in what many argue to be incendiary hate speech against religious minorities and democratic dissenters throughout the tenure of the present BJP-led government; further notes that militarised police violence has repeatedly been used against peaceful protesters, including farmers currently protesting controversial privatisation bills; further notes that the recent shutdown of the Indian branch of Amnesty International, the world's leading human rights advocacy group, bears witness to the currently perilous state of Indian democracy; stands in solidarity with those incarcerated for raising their voices against the oppressive anti-minority politics of the current regime; and calls upon the UN, its member states and international governments to hold the Indian Government to account, and to subject its violations of basic democratic principles to international scrutiny.

1279 Giffnock Soccer centre 25 years of operation

Tabled: 15/12/20 Signatories: 1

Kirsten Oswald

That this House congratulates Giffnock Soccer Centre on a successful first 25 years of operation; notes that the club was started by just 14 parents to provide a safe, fun environment in which children aged 5-12 could develop their footballing skills and has grown to over 200 coaches and 1,200 children of all abilities including a separate girls section and a section for those with disabilities; further notes that the club used various East Renfrewshire facilities until it was able to acquire its own facilities at Eastwood Park and Norwood Playing Fields in 2014; recognises that the Club have been involved in the development of the local East Renfrewshire League, which began

in 1995 with 23 teams and now provides non-competitive fixtures for 200 teams, with a Giffnock Soccer Centre representative on its Management Committee continuously since the beginning; further recognises that the club has worked with the Scottish Football Association (SFA) on coach development and has retained its emphasis on providing football for all abilities, with some participants going on to make the grade in the senior game, including current Captain of the men's Scottish National team, Andy Robertson, and others who began with the club as 5 year olds who are now helping to develop the next generation of footballers; and records appreciation that the club has forged very good relationships with East Renfrewshire Council, the SFA and local leagues and clubs to the benefit of thousands of children over the last 25 years.

1280 Oil and Gas UK Awards

Tabled: 15/12/20 Signatories: 1

Richard Thomson

That this House congratulates the winners and finalists of the OGUK Awards, which brings the offshore oil and gas industry together to celebrate its brightest and best; acknowledges the exceptional work of the winners in the following categories: Apprentice of the Year, Scott Milligan, Graduate of the Year, Connor Robb, Mentor of the Year, John Hogg, Workforce Engagement, Spirit Energy, Business Innovation SME, Omniscient Safety Innovations Ltd, Business Innovation Large Enterprise, Petrofac, Diversity & Inclusion, Baker Hughes, Energy Transition, Total E&P UK Ltd, Excellence in Decommissioning, Fairfield Energy Ltd; notes that 19,000 votes were cast in the first-time Audience Award, won by Omniscient Safety Innovations for their standout performance after receiving over 3,000 votes; further notes the special award given to OGUK's own Health, Safety and Environment Director Trevor Stapleton for his outstanding work dealing with the challenges brought on by covid-19 and protecting the oil and gas workforce while maintaining safe operations; and recognises that the Oil and Gas industry is a centre of excellence in subsea engineering, mature field operations and decommissioning, contributing to the security of the UK energy supply, whilst playing a part in accelerating the transition towards net zero, as it develops and deploys low carbon and net-zero carbon technologies.

1281 Extensions of the duration of copyright protection due to covid-19

Tabled: 15/12/20 Signatories: 1

Pete Wishart

That this House recognises the damage caused by covid-19 to the music industry and the catastrophic impact lockdown measures have had on musicians who rely on income from live performance to sustain a living from their talent; notes in particular that contemporary composers of classical music depend on the live performance of their works and do not benefit from any increase in the use of music streaming services during lockdown; recognises that live performance without social distancing remains prohibited; and calls on the Government to offset classical live performance losses by bringing forward legislation that would enable composers and their publishers to collect royalties for an additional period of three years.

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.

1222 University of Glasgow awarded Times Higher Education University of the Year 2020

Tabled: 1/12/20 Signatories: 15

Patrick Grady
Carol Monaghan
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Neil Gray
Peter Grant [R]

Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates the University of Glasgow on being named University of the Year at the Times Higher Education Awards on 26th November 2020; recognises that this is in recognition of the University's work to redress its historic links to slavery through a reparative justice programme, which included the Memorandum of Understanding with the University of the West Indies and the foundation of a Glasgow-Caribbean Centre for Development Research which commits the University of Glasgow to raising and spending £20 million over the next 20 years, and scholarships for UK students of African and Caribbean heritage; acknowledges the report, *Slavery, Abolition and the University of Glasgow*, by Dr. Stephen Mullen and Prof. Simon Newman, the first of its kind in the United Kingdom, which revealed the institution's historic connections with Atlantic slavery, having received significant financial support from people whose wealth was derived from slavery and continuing to benefit from this capital; pays tribute to the many years of anti-racist and Black activism from organisations such as the Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights, Flag Up Scotland Jamaica and many others who have opened up these vital conversations about Glasgow's past; and echoes the University's commitment that this should be a start but certainly not an end point in their work to help achieve racial justice and equality.

1225 Scientists, researchers and clinicians developing treatment, testing and vaccines for covid-19

Tabled: 2/12/20 Signatories: 42

Olivia Blake
Mick Whitley
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Apsana Begum
Rachel Hopkins
Ian Byrne

Hilary Benn

That this House celebrates and commends the international efforts of thousands of scientists, researchers and clinicians from across the globe in developing treatment, testing and vaccines for covid-19.

1229 Australian Government response to online disinformation from China

Tabled: 2/12/20 Signatories: 11

Andrew Rosindell
Paul Girvan
Andrew Gwynne [R]
Sir Mike Penning
Wera Hobhouse
Christine Jardine

Sammy Wilson

That this House notes with profound concern the social media post made by a Chinese Communist Party official which includes a digitally-created image depicting an Australian soldier cutting the throat of a child in Afghanistan; deeply regrets China's consistent and targeted spreading of disinformation through fabricated images, videos and disingenuous and mendacious statements; recognises that a concerted and collaborative international approach is required to tackle the disinformation being spread by China; commends the Australian Prime Minister's decision to demand an apology from China in relation to this latest shocking incident; and commits to standing shoulder to shoulder with our Australian friends and Commonwealth ally to protect our key interests and values, at home and overseas.

1242 Royal Scottish National Orchestra tribute to the people of Belarus

Tabled: 3/12/20 Signatories: 9

Alison Thewliss
Allan Dorans
Steven Bonnar
Chris Law
Chris Stephens
Jim Shannon

Anne McLaughlin

That this House acknowledges the work of the Royal Scottish National Orchestra who have demonstrated solidarity with their friends in Belarus through the commissioning and performance of Three Belarusian Folk Songs; recognises that the work is a tribute to the peaceful protests of the Belarusian people seeking to uphold their nation's democracy and thanks the RSNO for highlighting this important issue and offering support; warmly congratulates Christopher Gough for composing the piece; thanks soloist Aleksei Kiseliov and all of the musicians, as well as the RSNO's technical team, for bringing the work to a worldwide audience despite the challenges posed by covid-19; and commends the RSNO for continuing to bring music into people's lives through delivery of their Digital Season, ensuring that the restrictions that people living with do not limit the enjoyment of the arts which has been, and will continue to be, so vital during this difficult year.

1249 Levels of statutory sick pay

Tabled: 7/12/20 Signatories: 38

Richard Burgon
Beth Winter
Tahir Ali
Mick Whitley
Mary Kelly Foy
Apsana Begum

Dr Philippa Whitford

Sammy Wilson

That this House notes that for a test, trace and isolate system to be effective, people must be able to afford to isolate when required to do so; notes that the current level of Statutory Sick Pay is forcing many people to choose between having enough money to live on or self isolating, which undermines efforts to reduce the spread of covid-19; further notes that Statutory Sick Pay in the UK is among the lowest in Europe, estimated by the TUC to equal only one fifth of the average worker's weekly earnings; recognises that nearly 2 million low-paid workers are entirely excluded from Statutory Sick Pay because they earn less than £120 a week; is concerned by reports that more than half of people applying for the one-off £500 support grant to self-isolate are being rejected in some coronavirus hotspots, leaving many people without even that limited support; and calls on the UK Government to urgently increase Statutory Sick Pay to the level of the Real Living Wage and remove the requirement for recipients to earn over £120 per week so that every worker who needs to self isolate is supported to do so.

1251 Food insecurity

Tabled: 7/12/20 Signatories: 52

Ian Byrne
Olivia Blake
John McDonnell
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Beth Winter
Geraint Davies

Chris Stephens

That this House notes that approximately 10 million people in the UK are experiencing food insecurity; further notes that the use of food banks was increasing before the covid-19 pandemic, has effectively doubled during the pandemic and all indications are that this situation will continue to get worse; is concerned that children in particular have been badly affected by the covid-19 crisis and that, according to Trussell Trust figures, the number of food parcels given to children rose by 52 per cent; acknowledges the profound and devastating consequences of food insecurity on the health, wellbeing and livelihoods of people in our communities; believes that the Government has a duty to ensure nobody in our communities goes hungry and that the "Right to Food" should be enshrined in UK law in order to make clear this obligation; and calls on the Government to set positive targets and monitor progress accordingly and include the "Right to Food" in the Government's National Food Strategy white paper which is due to be published in 2021.

1252 Government workers' pay

Tabled: 7/12/20 Signatories: 27

Rachel Hopkins
Beth Winter
Kate Osborne
Paula Barker
Grahame Morris
Mick Whitley

Chris Stephens [R]

That this House supports the Parliamentary petition signed by over 100,000 people for a fair pay rise for government workers and rejects the government's public sector pay freeze; notes that throughout the pandemic, government workers have delivered critical services that have kept our country safe and secure; further notes that the critical services that government workers have delivered include the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme, the court system, border security and the Universal Credit system; further notes that Civil Service pay has fallen in value by up to 20% over the past 10 years; further notes that government pay policy for 2020 restricted increases to between 1.5% and 2.5%; and calls on the government to provide government workers a 10% pay increase in 2020 as a recognition of some of the wages lost over the last 10 years and return pay bargaining in the Civil Service to the previous national pay bargaining system to ensure that all government workers receive a pay reward that reflects their dedicated hard work.

1253 KO-NEKT Ardrossan award for most innovative community wealth-builder 2020

Tabled: 8/12/20 Signatories: 5

Patricia Gibson
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Margaret Ferrier
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Marianne Greenway of Ayrshire Children's Services CIC on her innovative new venture, KO-NEKT, based in Ardrossan, on securing the award for Most Innovative Community Wealth Builder 2020 – Scotland in the Global Business Awards 2020; recognises the work of Ayrshire's Ms Greenway who has dedicated thirty years of her life serving the children and young people of Ayrshire; applauds her new innovative venture, KO-NEKT, which, supports children with disabilities and autism; congratulates Marianne and her team upon these skill centres which are designed to be a haven of refuge and safety for children living with additional support needs, bringing people together and empowering them; understands that KO-NEKT, which was launched in 2017, offers support to families in Ayrshire, aiming to be a recognisable establishment for all children who are anxious about change, isolated from their peers or simply find it difficult to fit into traditional activities within their communities, offering day and evening support which can be accessed when required, flexibly; champions this all-inclusive service which works alongside each child to deliver support tailored to them, helping them achieve the highest degree of independence achievable and become confident in themselves; supports this fantastic work undertaken by Marianne and her team; and welcomes the forthcoming expansion of the service, with a second specialist childcare centre due to open in South Ayrshire in 2021, as this franchise expects to expand across the West of Scotland in the coming years and wishes this inspirational team every success for the future

1257 Treatment of workers at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Tabled: 9/12/20 Signatories: 14

Grahame Morris
Rachel Hopkins
Claudia Webbe
Mike Hill
Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Navendu Mishra

Ian Byrne

Chris Stephens

That this House praises the contribution of workers for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) in France and Belgium, who care for and maintain the cemeteries to the highest possible standards; is deeply concerned that many of those workers have been faced with the option of relocating with just three weeks' notice or localising with the loss of up to fifty per cent of their incomes; notes that the housing market across the UK and most of Europe is disrupted by COVID-19 restrictions; recognises that the stress of uprooting families and finding a new home at such short notice is particularly acute at this time; calls for the Government to carry out a thorough review into all aspects of employment at CWGC, two decades on since that work was carried out under Baroness Dean; and further calls on the CWGC to urgently reconsider and enter into meaningful negotiations with the trades unions to ensure that those workers are treated with the respect they deserve.

1259 Human rights and democracy in Poland

Tabled: 9/12/20 Signatories: 28

Clive Lewis
Claudia Webbe
Andrew Gwynne
Mr Virendra Sharma
Wera Hobhouse
Allan Dorans

Chris Stephens

That this House acknowledges and condemns human rights violations in Poland, in particular, attacks on the rights of women and LGBTQ+ minorities, including the near-total abortion ban that breaks the human right of freedom from torture, and disregards the bodily autonomy of women; supports the protection of LGBTQ+ families, and stands against the creation of LGBT free zones in Poland; condemns the new law which breaks people's right to assembly and protest by threatening protesters with 6 months to 8 years in prison, and the police brutality against peaceful protesters; recognises the judicial autonomy infringement and the breaking of the rule of law; decries the lack of freedom of the press, the politicisation of Polish media, financial censorship, and the creation of the index of the prohibited press in Poland; and calls on the Foreign Secretary to publicly support Polish women and minority groups as they seek to uphold democratic values in Poland.

1260 Terminal illness and Covid-19 vaccination

Tabled: 10/12/20 Signatories: 19

Kirsten Oswald
Patricia Gibson
Neil Gray
Deidre Brock
Richard Thomson
Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Chris Law

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the devastating impact of being diagnosed with a terminal illness at any time but even more so just as the world faces into the Covid-19 pandemic; extends its sympathy to Fred Banning of Newton Mearns who, in February this year, was diagnosed with incurable stage 4 metastatic colon cancer resulting in Mr Banning and his wife not only struggling with the stresses and strains of lockdown but also having to break the news that he is dying to their two young children and their wider friends and family; considers that Mr Banning's call for those living with a terminal diagnosis and immediate family members to be a high priority for the administration of the vaccine to enable them to spend their remaining time as normally as possible has great force; and calls on the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation to recognise the pressing needs of these members of our communities as they make recommendations on the rollout of a programme of vaccines in the days and weeks ahead.

1261 Orchardhill Church and Giffnock Primary School Trees of Kindness

Tabled: 10/12/20 Signatories: 6

Kirsten Oswald
Patrick Grady
Neil Gray
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Chris Stephens

This House recognises the kindness shown by residents of Giffnock and surrounding area who responded to the call to make a real difference in the lives of people living in poverty by taking a tag from the Trees of Kindness at Orchardhill Church and Giffnock Primary School and buying a gift for a young person who otherwise has little prospect of experiencing the joy of Christmas by receiving a gift; notes that the need for such an initiative has been greater this year than in previous years, but the response has once again exceeded the expectations of the organisers; welcomes news that as a result of the generosity and kindness of the local community nearly 800 children will be able to open a present this Christmas and that the organisations supported by this initiative will include Croftfoot Primary School, Quarriers Family Resource Centre Ruchazie, Glasgow Association for Mental Health, Aberlour Child Care Trust, Women and Children First Paisley, Falkirk Social Services, Castlemilk Parish Church, Glasgow Baby & Family Support Group, Recovery Across Mental Health; and congratulates all those involved for showing such kindness to others, especially the members of Orchardhill Church and pupils and staff of Giffnock Primary School.

1262 Rights for Freelance Workers in the Media and Creative Industries

Tabled: 10/12/20 Signatories: 24

Rebecca Long Bailey [R]**Grahame Morris****Mike Hill****Rachel Hopkins****Ian Byrne****Apsana Begum**

Chris Stephens

That this House is concerned by the severe hardship which Covid-19 has caused for many freelance and self-employed workers; notes that the media and creative industries represent a major growth sector which is worth more than £111 billion to the UK economy, yet freelance workers in the sector have been left bereft of the many rights most employees take for granted; welcomes the National Union of Journalists' #FairDeal4Freelances campaign and the publication of the Freelance Charter, which seeks redress for those missing out on financial assistance during Covid-19 and to fight for a radical reform of our rights to ensure job protection and benefits are not dependent on employment status; calls for the right to organise in a trade union, to have a written contract with fair terms and conditions, prompt payment and equal treatment at work in terms of health and safety; believes that freelancers should get holiday pay, parental leave and allowances and a retirement pension; and further believes that they should have the right to resist companies forcing them on to PAYE, to incorporate as a limited company, or work under umbrella companies.

1263 Migrant Workers' Rights

Tabled: 10/12/20 Signatories: 19

Nadia Whittome**Ms Diane Abbott****Olivia Blake****Ian Byrne****Stuart C McDonald****Jeremy Corbyn**

Kim Johnson

Stephen Farry

Chris Stephens

That this House would like to thank migrant workers who have been at the forefront of the UK's response to the pandemic; believes that recovery from covid-19 must level up migrant workers' rights; further recognises that the Hostile Environment, particularly No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) and the "illegal working" offence, forces migrants to continue go into work even when it is not safe to do; is concerned that the illegal working offence pushes undocumented migrants to look for employment among exploitative employers who know they are unable report abuse in the workplace for fear of immigration enforcement; expresses further concern that the illegal working offence disincentivises employers from hiring migrant workers and creates a culture of discrimination in employment practices; notes that the exploitation of migrant workers in the labour market drives down labour standards and protections for all workers; and calls on the Government to implement the recommendations in the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants "Work It Out" campaign by scrapping NRPF and repealing the "illegal working" offence.

1264 Bus worker safety during the covid-19 outbreak: Control measures and enforcement

Tabled: 10/12/20 Signatories: 10

Nadia Whittome
Mike Hill
Olivia Blake
Ms Diane Abbott
Claudia Webbe
Kenny MacAskill

Chris Stephens

That this House commends the dedication of the UK's bus workers who have kept services running throughout the pandemic for other key workers and essential travellers; notes that tragically, a number of bus workers have died from Covid-19; further notes that Government's covid-19 support for bus operators in England since March 2020 totals at least £600 million; believes it is vital that there is a consistent approach to bus worker health and safety across the industry; understands that bus workers have concerns regarding cash handling and the lack of enforcement of social distancing and face coverings on buses; notes that on the rail network, British Transport Police are patrolling services to ensure compliance with face coverings; supports the RMT union's calls for the police, industry and government to put robust plans in place to ensure that compliance with face coverings on buses is also enforced; and calls on the Government to ensure there is a consistent industry-wide approach to these issues, publish any evidence it has regarding the potential risks associated with cash handling and covid-19 transmission and set out how social distancing and the wearing of face coverings will be enforced on buses, and by whom.

1265 Service Medal for British Nuclear Test Veterans 2

Tabled: 10/12/20 Signatories: 8

Jonathan Edwards
Mike Hill
Neil Gray
Hywel Williams
Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake

Chris Stephens

This House reiterates its support for a service medal for British nuclear test veterans; notes that the UK is the only country involved in nuclear tests which has not recognised the contribution of nuclear test veterans; and expresses disappointment at the Advisory Military Sub Committee's recommendation to the Committee on the Grant of Honours, Decorations and Medals not to award a medal.

1266 Catering services and jobs on South Western Railway

Tabled: 14/12/20 Signatories: 8

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Apsana Begum
Paula Barker
Grahame Morris
Rachel Hopkins
Mick Whitley

Beth Winter

Chris Stephens

That this House notes that South Western Railway (SWR) has terminated its on-board catering contract with Elior and that this decision puts over 130 catering workers at risk of being made redundant in January 2021; believes that the Job Retention Scheme, which is in operation until March 2021, should have been used to protect these jobs in the short term; is concerned that this decision will lead to the removal of catering services across the SWR network; believes that this will be detrimental to passengers and that the provision of on-board catering services must be protected across the network as part of rail's recovery from the covid-19 pandemic; notes that the cuts to catering are being made despite the SWR franchise being fully funded by the Government through an Emergency Recovery Measures Agreement (ERMA); further notes that the ERMA pays SWR a fee which can be used to fund profits and make dividend payments; and therefore calls on the Government to intervene to ensure this catering service and all at-risk jobs are protected.

1267 Arcadia employee pensions (No. 2)

Tabled: 14/12/20 Signatories: 4

Hywel Williams
Jonathan Edwards
Paula Barker
Chris Stephens

That this House notes that Arcadia has gone into administration, potentially putting approximately 13,000 jobs at risk; recognises that approximately 10,000 members of Arcadia's pension scheme are being assessed for entry into the Pension Protection Fund; asserts that the £385 million pound agreement to support employees pensions which was concluded in 2019 must be protected; recalls Sir Philip Green's systematic plunder of former businesses including BHS; and calls on the Government to ensure that Sir Philip Green fulfils his responsibilities to cover any pension shortfall among his employees.

1268 Western Sahara

Tabled: 14/12/20 Signatories: 19

Jeremy Corbyn
Claudia Webbe
Apsana Begum
Caroline Lucas
John McDonnell
Grahame Morris

Kim Johnson
 Navendu Mishra
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Jonathan Edwards
 Zarah Sultana
 Kate Osborne

Stephen Farry
 Paula Barker
 Mick Whitley

Rachel Hopkins
Patrick Grady

Mary Kelly Foy

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the right of the people of Western Sahara to their own self-determination; urges the UK as a member of the group of friends to redouble UN Security Council efforts to deliver the referendum on which the 1991 ceasefire in that region was contingent; stands in solidarity with the Sahrawi both in Western Sahara, the refugee camps in Algeria and the diaspora; deplores the unilateral action of US President Trump's administration supporting Morocco's illegal claim to occupy Western Sahara; and calls on the UK government to adhere to international law and refuse to follow the dangerous and illegal path that president Trump has embarked on in relation to Western Sahara.

1269 Lower carbon solutions to road repairs

Tabled: 14/12/20 Signatories: 4

Richard Burgon
Dan Jarvis
Apsana Begum
Tracy Brabin

That this House recognises the environmental importance of lower carbon solutions to road repairs as part of wider environmental responsibilities; notes Yorkshire Highway Authorities and Utilities Committee (YHAUC) and its members Barnsley MBC, Bradford MDC, City of York Council, East Riding of Yorks Council, Highways England, Hull CC, Kirklees MDC, Leeds CC, Network Rail, North Yorkshire CC, Rotherham MBC, Sheffield CC, South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive, Wakefield MDC and utilities Cityfibre, Cadent Gas, Northern Gas Networks, Northern Powergrid, Openreach BT, Virgin Media, Vodafone and Yorkshire Water; congratulates YHAUC for promoting the re-use and recycling of excavated road materials through its Quality Plan Framework for Recycled Materials which supports the circular economy, eliminates land-fill and the wasteful quarrying of new stone for roads; congratulates YHAUC and A Catlow Recycling & Aggregate Supplies, Mone Bros and other Yorkshire aggregate recyclers for supporting the achievement of 95 per cent reuse of Yorkshire Water's excavated road materials; welcomes YHAUC's drive for wider use of low carbon road surfaces using warm-mix and cold-mix asphalt and is concerned that there are highway authorities that re-use less than 50 per cent of excavations; emphasises the importance of reducing the environmental impact of road repairs; and calls on the Government and other highway authorities to reflect upon, and learn from, the successes in Yorkshire by YHAUC in its approach to lower carbon solutions to road repairs as part of a wider more environmentally responsible approach.

1270 50 years of the Hamilton Citizens Advice Bureau

Tabled: 14/12/20 Signatories: 3

Margaret Ferrier
Anne McLaughlin
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates the Hamilton Citizens Advice Bureau, which is celebrating its 50 year anniversary; recognises their extensive work supporting the people of Hamilton and South Lanarkshire; highlights that in 2019-20 Hamilton Citizens Advice Bureau advised, represented and supported over 3,300 people, handled over 14,000 issues over 15 areas of advice and generated gains of £1.649 million for local communities in South Lanarkshire; applauds the Citizens Advice Bureau's participation in such projects as the South Lanarkshire Council Child Poverty Action Plan, the South Lanarkshire Community Plan, the Fuel Poverty Working Group and the Lanarkshire PACE

Strategy Group; and wishes the Hamilton Citizens Advice Bureau another 50 successful years of supporting the people of South Lanarkshire.

1271 Adequacy of local government funding

Tabled: 14/12/20 Signatories: 10

Claudia Webbe
John McDonnell
Apsana Begum
Zarah Sultana
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Richard Burgon

Kim Johnson
 Chris Stephens

Paula Barker

Tim Farron

That this House is opposed to a new phase of austerity; believes that the Government must adequately fund local authorities to avoid disastrous social consequences; recognises that covid-19 is further stretching councils that are already under-funded and under-staffed following a decade of austerity; calls on the Government to honour its commitment to fund councils fully for the extra costs of dealing with the pandemic, and the losses of revenue resulting from lock-down; believes that local authority debt held by the Public Works Loan Board as an emergency measure should be cancelled to provide councils with an extra £4.5 billion spending power a year and help to stabilise their finances; encourages the Government to begin urgent discussions on a funding system based on an annual assessment of social needs in each locality; and calls on the Government to provide £10 billion annual grant to fund building 100,000 council homes a year, which is necessary not only to address the acute housing crisis but will provide economic stimulus as we come out of the pandemic by putting people back to work.

1272 Resale of gaming consoles and computer components purchased by automated bots

Tabled: 14/12/20 Signatories: 17

Douglas Chapman
Neale Hanvey
Martyn Day
John McNally
Kenny MacAskill
Stuart C McDonald

Patrick Grady
 Paula Barker
 Carol Monaghan
 Owen Thompson

Chris Law
 Steven Bonnar
 Richard Thomson
 Mohammad Yasin

Jonathan Edwards
 Allan Dorans
 Chris Stephens

That this House believes that new releases of gaming consoles and computer components should be available to all customers at no more than the Manufacturer's Recommended Retail Price, and not be bought in bulk by the use of automated bots which often circumvent maximum purchase quantities imposed by the retailer; calls on the Government to bring forward legislative proposals similar to those introduced for the secondary selling of tickets, thereby prohibiting the resale of gaming consoles and computer components at prices greatly above Manufacturer's Recommended Retail Price and furthermore this House; and further calls on the Government to bring forward legislative proposals making the resale of goods purchased using an automated bot an illegal activity, thereby denying unscrupulous vendors the chance to make themselves vast

profits at the expense of genuine gamers and computer users, while also deterring fraudulent cybercriminal activity.

1273 Tackling homelessness

Tabled: 14/12/20 Signatories: 10

Grahame Morris
Claudia Webbe
Apsana Begum
Kim Johnson
Jonathan Edwards
Paula Barker

Mick Whitley
 Chris Stephens

Mike Hill

Rachel Hopkins

That this House deplores the exponential rise in recent years of homelessness across the UK, with core homelessness in England alone peaking before the Covid-19 pandemic at over 219,000 homeless households at the end of 2019; commends the determination behind the Everyone In initiative to provide safe accommodation for all during the pandemic; welcomes the additional specialist support funding for vulnerable people sleeping rough and the Changing Futures programme to provide better outcomes for adults experiencing multiple disadvantage; recognises the help provided by community and voluntary sector organisations, local authorities and substance misuse treatment services to support those with complex needs; urges an accelerated roll-out of the holistic, evidence-based Housing First approach; notes the immediate need for everyone to be kept safe and warm during the winter and pandemic; and calls upon the Government to provide the strategic planning and funding for co-ordinated cross-sectoral working to enable the elimination of homelessness.

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That this House notes that the Government has rejected as unaffordable Recommendation 3 by the Prison Service Pay Review Body (PSPRB) of a £3,000 pensionable pay rise for Band 3 prison officers on Fair and Sustainable conditions, the main operational recruitment grade into the Prison Service; further notes that the PSPRB considers Band 3 pay to compare poorly against other occupations in the same broad occupational group, and calculates the cost of new recruits leaving after less than two years at £30 million annually, which it calls an inefficient use of public money; further notes that the PSPRB was established in 2001 to compensate prison officers for the loss of their right to take industrial action in any form, and that, in response to a successful complaint by the Prison Officers Association (POA) to the International Labour Organisation in 2004, the Government committed only to depart from its recommendations in exceptional circumstances; further notes that the Government pledged in July to open discussions with recognised trade unions on the implications of this recommendation, yet no such discussions have taken place with the POA; believes that the decision to deny prison officers pay justice threatens to damage morale and exacerbate the current recruitment and retention crisis; questions whether the recommended

award is genuinely unaffordable at a time when billions of pounds have been budgeted to build a new generation of private prisons; and calls on the Government to accept the PSPRB's recommendations in full.