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New EDMs

921 Kids Operating Room 50th installation

Tabled: 31/01/22 Signatories: 1

Chris Law

That this House congratulates Dundee-based charity Kids Operating Room on the delivery of their 50th operating room; notes that operating rooms have been delivered and installed in hospitals across Africa and Latin America; recognises that KidsOR works to support existing hospitals and healthcare professionals to expand their services; further recognises that through since their inception in 2018 they have increased annual capacity for safe surgery by 30,000 life-changing operations every year; and wishes KidsOR and their staff all the best for the future.

922 Zero-emission vehicles and air quality

Tabled: 31/01/22 Signatories: 1

Geraint Davies

That this House acknowledges as many as 64,000 premature deaths are associated with poor air quality every year; expresses sincere condolences to the family and friends of Ella Kissi-Debrah recognising the one year anniversary on the 16th December 2021 of the Coroner's verdict that air pollution was a cause in her death; recognises that vehicle emissions are a major source of air pollution in towns and cities across the country; notes with dismay reports that 4 vehicle manufacturers, Volkswagen, Toyota, Renault-Nissan and Hyundai-Kia have refused to sign the pledge to only sell zero-emissions vehicles by 2035; calls on all vehicle manufacturers previously found to have cheated emissions rules to provide adequate compensation to vehicle owners and users who were misled; recognises the need for a co-ordinated solution between all levels of Government and the private sector to mitigate against the negative health impacts of dangerous

levels of air pollution; and further notes that the Government should make reference to the incontrovertible right to breathe clean air in any future legislation.

923 Anniversary of the death of Sir Norman Stronge

Tabled: 31/01/22 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House notes the barbaric murder of Sir Norman Stronge and his son James, at their family home in Tynan Abbey, by the IRA on 21st January 1981; further notes Sir Norman's involvement in politics and his admirable determination throughout fighting in the First World War and the Battle of the Somme; notes the malice and evil intent by Provisional IRA Members, by the use of grenades to break into their family home, machine guns used to brutally murder the father and son and the burning of their home to the ground after the killings; remembers the heartfelt words of Her Majesty the Queen that Sir Norman's loyal and distinguished service would always be remembered; and notes Sir Norman's commemoration with a tablet in the Northern Ireland Assembly Chamber.

924 Antibiotics and research on the potential link to colon cancer risk

Tabled: 31/01/22 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House notes with concern recent research from Queen's University Belfast that taking antibiotics could increase the risk of developing colon cancer by as much as half in the under 50s, with older people also seeing a higher risk; further notes work undertaken by University of Aberdeen, where 40,000 people compared antibiotic use and lifestyle factors of those who had cancer and those who didn't, where antibiotic use was found to be associated with the development of colon cancer; highlights the importance of research into links with cancer; and thanks the work of the British Journal of Cancer who are actively working to reveal links between cancer and lifestyle choice.

925 Ban on snares campaign

Tabled: 31/01/22 Signatories: 4

Caroline Lucas

Tim Farron

Kenny MacAskill

Wera Hobhouse

That this House notes a 2016 motion calling for a ban on snares that was passed unanimously; further notes that, other than the promise of a Call for Evidence in the Government's Action Plan for Animal Welfare in May 2021, no further steps to this end have been taken; acknowledges the horror and cruelty resulting from the use of snares intended to trap wild animals; notes that snares are notoriously indiscriminate, catching, injuring and killing animals, including those not intended to be the target, such as badgers, rabbits, cats, dogs, lambs and deer; recalls the findings of the 2005 Independent Working Group on Snares which reported that it would be difficult to reduce the proportion of non-targeted animals caught to below 40 per cent; recognises a joint statement organised by Animal Aid, and signed by twenty-three other animal protection groups and academics, urging action to ban snares; and calls on the Government to outlaw the manufacture, sale, possession and use of all snares without further delay.

926 Rainbow Heartlands project by Pink Saltire

Tabled: 31/01/22 Signatories: 1

John Nicolson

That this House recognises the important work of Pink Saltire in building and supporting the LGBT+ community in Scotland; commends the charity's efforts to tackle isolation and loneliness in LGBT+ rural communities; and wishes them luck with the Rainbow Heartlands project, beginning in February.

927 United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

Tabled: 31/01/22 Signatories: 1

Patrick Grady

That this House notes 21 January 2022 marks the first anniversary of the entry into force of the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons; regrets that the United Kingdom is neither a signatory of or a party to the Treaty; calls on the UK Government to abandon any plans or possibility of increasing the UK's nuclear arsenal, and instead take urgent steps to comply with the provisions of the Treaty and work towards nuclear disarmament at home and overseas.

928 Jennifer Dodds and the 2022 Winter Olympics

Tabled: 31/01/22 Signatories: 1

Christine Jardine

That this House celebrates Jennifer Dodds of Edinburgh in competing in the 2022 Winter Olympics; notes that 2861 athletes from 91 countries have been selected for the 2022 games in Beijing; recognises the fantastic achievements of Jennifer throughout her career; acknowledges that she will be competing in both the women's team event and the mixed doubles event where she and Bruce Mouat are reigning world champions; further notes that Dodds and Mouat are the first GB athletes to compete in more than one curling event at the Olympics; wishes them both the best of luck and success; and congratulates all athletes selected for the 2022 Winter Olympics to represent Team GB.

929 Bearskin caps and the armed forces

Tabled: 31/01/22 Signatories: 3

**Kirsten Oswald
Patricia Gibson
Margaret Ferrier**

That this House expresses its concern that the ceremonial bearskin caps worn by members of the armed forces, most notably at the annual Trooping the Colour parade, involve the unnecessary slaughter of black bears; notes that each bearskin ceremonial cap costs the Ministry of Defence over £1,700 and sees no possible excuse for taxpayers' money to be spent on ceremonial caps made from the skins of bears gunned down for their fur when the overwhelming majority of the British public is opposed to the use of real fur in clothing; understands that the faux fur developed by animal rights charity PETA with leading faux furrier ECOPEL would enable the Ministry of Defence to replace the real bearskins with faux fur; welcomes the offer by ECOPEL to provide the Ministry of Defence with faux fur at no cost until 2030, saving many bears from slaughter and also saving the tax payer up to a million pounds; and calls on the Ministry of Defence to recognise that its continued use of real fur is not in line with the UK Government's commitment to have and promote the highest standards of animal welfare and that it is time to switch to faux fur for making these ceremonial caps.

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.

849 **Healthy Start Vouchers**

Tabled: 17/01/22 Signatories: 24

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Mick Whitley
Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon
Charlotte Nichols
Apsana Begum

John McDonnell

Sarah Green

That this House notes that 218,002 families on low incomes in England are currently unable to access their entitlement to the Healthy Start scheme; also notes that, between November and December 2021, take-up of the scheme dropped by more than a fifth, from 65 per cent to 51 per cent, meaning that out of 449,748 potential beneficiaries, only 231,746 are enrolled on the scheme; further notes that no local authority in England has a take-up rate of higher than 62 per cent; and calls on the Government to enact Feeding Britain's proposal for an automatic registration scheme, similar to the one which sees pensioners on low incomes receive their Warm Home Discount automatically, to secure full take-up of the scheme and overcome barriers such as low awareness, bureaucracy, and stigma which prevent take-up being higher.

852 **Shareholders in firms linked to the Grenfell Tower fire or building safety defects**

Tabled: 17/01/22 Signatories: 13

Sir Peter Bottomley
Apsana Begum
Kim Johnson
Ian Byrne
Hywel Williams
Caroline Lucas

John McDonnell

That this House notes that Arconic's Reynobond, Kingspan's K15 Kooltherm and Saint-Gobain Celotex foam insulation products have been found to be highly flammable and dangerously combustible; notes the statement by the Association of Residential Managing Agents that nearly £50,000 may be the average cost of remediating building safety defects including flammable cladding or insulation; understands the reason for the revocation of Kingspan's proposed sponsorship of Mercedes Formula One team; recognises the responsibilities and opportunities and interest of shareholders in companies to influence the boards of builders and component suppliers; notes Norges Bank Investment Management has been a major shareholder in Saint-Gobain, Kingspan and Arconic, together with builders including Barratt, Bellway, Berkeley, Crest Nicholson, LendLease, Persimmon, Taylor Wimpey and Vistry; and asks Norges Bank to require responsible firms to resolve buildings' fire safety defects, compensate victims and to divest holdings in firms that fail to do so, as asked by the UK Cladding Action Group, End Our Cladding Scandal, Grenfell United, Action for Fire Safety Justice, the National Leasehold Campaign and the Leasehold Knowledge Partnership.

853 Tamil Heritage Month 2022

Tabled: 17/01/22 Signatories: 12

Ed Davey
Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon
Apsana Begum
Jamie Stone
Gareth Thomas

John McDonnell

Sarah Green

That this House recognises January as Tamil Heritage Month; acknowledges the tremendous contributions that Tamils make to British society, particularly the vital role the Tamil community has played in helping the UK tackle covid-19 as healthcare workers, teachers, and vaccine researchers; celebrates the richness of Tamil culture; notes that the Canadian Government has already recognised January as Tamil Heritage Month; further notes that January is an important month for Tamils as it marks Thai Pongal, the Tamil Harvest Festival; recognises the importance of increasing awareness about the accomplishments of the Tamil diaspora; and calls on the UK Government to formally establish January as Tamil Heritage Month.

858 Diagnosis of Liver Disease

Tabled: 17/01/22 Signatories: 16

Tracey Crouch
Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon
Sir Mike Penning
Mohammad Yasin
Jonathan Edwards

John McDonnell

That this House welcomes the British Liver Trust's campaign to make early diagnosis of liver disease routine, to be launched in Parliament on Tuesday 26 April 2022; is concerned that the UK is facing a liver disease crisis as a result of the seriously late diagnosis of liver disease across the UK; notes that delays in diagnosis have worsened during the covid-19 outbreak; and calls for urgent action to ensure effective patient pathways are commissioned and implemented.

860 War Pensions and Armed Forces Compensation payments

Tabled: 18/01/22 Signatories: 44

Owen Thompson
Angela Crawley
Hannah Bardell
Ian Blackford
Marion Fellows
Carol Monaghan

Ronnie Cowan

John McDonnell

That this House believes that the current process for claiming War Pensions and Armed Forces Compensation payments is not fit for purpose and drives many veterans to give up on claims, severely deteriorates many veterans' mental health, drives many into poverty, and increases the risk of suicides; applauds our veterans for the immense sacrifices they have made and believes that all veterans deserve to be fairly compensated for injury, illness and death caused by their time in

service; but is deeply concerned about the mental health impact on veterans of the complexity, lack of transparency and lack of impartiality in the process of putting in a claim, requesting a review of evidence and engaging with the War Pensions and Armed Forces Compensation Tribunal, which results in too many veterans not getting the level of payment they need and then facing complex processes in order to get an increase; believes that serious questions must be answered with regards to the use of Veterans UK medical assessors in assessing claims, in particular the practice of the same medical assessor assessing a veteran's claim at three separate stages of the process instead of separate assessors being used to ensure impartiality and a range of opinions; is deeply concerned by reports of medical evidence and paperwork being removed from veterans' evidence bundles by Veterans UK during the tribunal process; and calls on the Government to honour its duty of care to veterans by launching an independent inquiry into the failings of the current system.

862 Low carbon vehicles and construction work

Tabled: 18/01/22 Signatories: 7

Claudia Webbe
Jim Shannon
Sir Peter Bottomley
Apsana Begum
Richard Thomson
Kim Johnson

John McDonnell

That this House recognises that many businesses use Volumetric Mobile Plants (VCM) that deliver concrete to many other small local businesses and that VCM businesses contribute £386 million annually to the national economy, support 5,800 FTE jobs and an additional 9,850 jobs in the wider economy; accepts the evidence of 200 UK construction companies that reducing their weight from 38.4 and 44T to 32T damages the ability of those vehicles to supply the widest possible range of cements to the biggest number of customers in one trip, replacing single lorry journeys with multiple journeys, causing a much higher carbon footprint, with more fuel used and generating more CO, Nox, SO₂, VOCs and PMs; further recognises that the Government's decision to limit operations at 32 tonnes from 2028 means that many current mobile plants, which cost £230,000, are effectively scrap; considers the carbon impact of this policy that will add 23 million more VCM/lorry kilometres to UK roads, 598,000 more VCM/lorry journeys each year, 120,000 additional tonnes of CO₂ into the atmosphere and extra carbon costs in excess of £7 million per year; and thus calls on the Government to commission an up-to-date study from Highways UK on the impact of 38.4T and 44T VCMs on the road infrastructure as well as an environmental impact of the policy to use lighter VCMs with a view to make permanent the temporary 38.4T and 44T weight limits.

863 Rough sleeping in Southern Oxfordshire

Tabled: 18/01/22 Signatories: 9

Layla Moran
Jim Shannon
Jamie Stone
Tim Farron
Sarah Olney
Hywel Williams

John McDonnell

That this House congratulates Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire District Councils on recording zero people sleeping rough on 31 December 2021; notes the hard work of the housing team at those councils in achieving homelessness prevention rates of over 75 per cent, compared

to the South East average of 55.6 per cent; recognises the effectiveness of employing a Housing First strategy to tackle rough sleeping; encourages the Government to fund and implement this nationally; notes the Government's manifesto commitment to end rough sleeping by the end of this Parliament and calls on the Government to end the needless criminalisation of people still sleeping rough by fully repealing the archaic and cruel Vagrancy Act 1824.

864 Cervical Cancer Prevention Week

Tabled: 18/01/22 Signatories: 35

Dr Philippa Whitford
Hannah Bardell
Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
John Nicolson

John McDonnell

That this House notes the week commencing 17 January 2022 is Cervical Cancer Prevention Week; recognises that, while not always easy, attending cervical screening allows diagnosis and treatment of Human Papilloma Virus, as well as early detection of Cervical neoplasia, and can therefore save lives; believes that no-one should feel alone or confused when receiving their cervical screening results; and highlights that Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust provides information and support and encourages Members to support that campaign to promote the vital importance of attending cervical screening.

865 Miscarriage leave and employment policy

Tabled: 18/01/22 Signatories: 37

Angela Crawley
Hannah Bardell
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
John Nicolson
Paula Barker

John McDonnell

That this House believes that the Government should introduce a policy of paid miscarriage leave; is aware that the Government has so far been hesitant to introduce such a policy; notes that, in the UK, two weeks parental bereavement leave and pay is in place after stillbirth, however there is no such support for anyone who has experienced a miscarriage before 24 weeks of pregnancy; understands that miscarriage is an extremely traumatic experience and that more support should be provided to families that experience such a loss; considers unacceptable the Government's position that Statutory Sick Pay or annual leave are adequate compromises for a specific miscarriage leave provision; recognises that the provision of paid miscarriage leave is in line with the need to develop a more proactive approach to workplace health and wellbeing as expressed in the Taylor review of modern working practices; assesses that this issue should be viewed under the Taylor review's ambition of fair and decent treatment in the workplace, including health and wellbeing protections in employment law which serves the wider public interest; and calls on the Government to include paid miscarriage leave in its upcoming Employment Bill.

870 Campaign to introduce a PumpWatch body for fair fuel prices

Tabled: 19/01/22 Signatories: 7

Robert Halfon
Sir Mike Penning
Sir Greg Knight
Margaret Ferrier
Sir Peter Bottomley
Jim Shannon

John McDonnell

That this House recognises the significant financial impact on the motorists from retailers failing to reflect the fall in oil prices at the pump; understands that when oil prices rise companies often pass that increase on to motorists, but when they fall, the saving is not passed on; further recognises the action the Government has taken to freeze fuel duty for twelve consecutive years saving the average motorist £15 every time they fill up; notes the success of the campaign group FairFuelUK and Howard Cox in saving motorists billions of pounds; and calls upon the Government to take further steps to form a PumpWatch body to ensure fair prices at the pumps.

876 Post-election violence in The Gambia

Tabled: 20/01/22 Signatories: 16

Anne McLaughlin
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady
Marion Fellows
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake

John McDonnell

Alison Thewliss

That this House is very concerned by the post-election violence in Gambia which took place on the 6 December 2021 close to the residence of the leader of the United Democratic Party, condemns the unfortunate incident involving the use of tear gas and other forms of force and calls on the Gambian Government to ensure Police always exercise maximum restraint in dispersing crowds and managing assemblies; condemns the two Police Officers who filmed themselves celebrating the tear gassing of civilians and encourages the Gambian Government to investigate the matter; recognises the role of the Police and other State security agents in the protection of lives and maintenance of peace and security and urges them to maintain professionalism and continue the good work they have done throughout the electoral cycle; calls on the UDP leader to encourage his party supporters to be law abiding and conduct themselves in line with the laws of The Gambia; and further calls on all political parties with electoral grievances to follow the laid down laws and seek redress through the courts.

877 International Day of Education 2022 and Girls' Education

Tabled: 20/01/22 Signatories: 14

Layla Moran
Hywel Williams
Jim Shannon
Carol Monaghan
Kirsten Oswald
Wera Hobhouse

John McDonnell

Patricia Gibson

Sarah Green

That this House celebrates the International Day of Education 2022; recognises the incredible work of so many charities and organisations that highlight the importance of and delivering girls' education programmes across the world; recognises how girls' education in particular has suffered due to the COVID-19 pandemic; calls on the Government to reinstate the 0.7 per cent GNI target for international development spending to assist the 129 million girls that are out of school; and urges the Government to give International Development its own seat at the Cabinet table once again.

881 International Day of Education 2022

Tabled: 21/01/22 Signatories: 10

Layla Moran
Munira Wilson
Margaret Ferrier
Wera Hobhouse
Sir Peter Bottomley
Jeremy Corbyn

John McDonnell

That this House recognises the incredible work of schools across the UK on International Day of Education 2022; celebrates teachers, support staff, parents and students who have all worked tirelessly to keep young people learning; and wishes the very best of luck to students who have exams coming up over the next few months.

883 Campaign for an Osteogenesis Imperfecta national awareness month

Tabled: 24/01/22 Signatories: 15

Chris Law
Joanna Cherry
Jim Shannon
Sir Peter Bottomley
Allan Dorans
Carol Monaghan

John McDonnell

That this House recognises the Brittle Bone Society's campaign to mark the month of May as the National Awareness Month for Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI); notes that OI is a genetic bone disorder characterised by fragile bones that affects a person from birth; recognises that around 5,000 people across the UK are affected by the condition; celebrates the work of the Brittle Bone Society, who offer a variety of support to those affected, including but not limited to practical assistance; believes that a national awareness month would help raise awareness among the

general public of the condition; and calls on the Government to back the campaign and officially recognise May as the National Awareness Month for OI.

885 Celebration of the birth and legacy of Robert (Rabbie) Burns

Tabled: 24/01/22 Signatories: 21

Allan Dorans
Kirsten Oswald
Joanna Cherry
Jim Shannon
Stuart C McDonald
Chris Law

John McDonnell

Alison Thewliss

That this House notes and celebrates the 263rd anniversary of the birth of Robert (Rabbie) Burns, Scotland's National Bard, in Alloway on 25 January 1759; notes that he is regarded as a pioneer of the Romantic literacy movement, and after his death became a great source of inspiration to the founders of both liberalism and socialism and a cultural icon in Scotland and among the Scottish diaspora; further notes that he was a poet and lyricist who penned the words of Auld Lang Syne, which is sung across the globe on New Year's Eve; notes that he wrote over 700 other poems and songs including Tam O'Shanter, Ae Fond Kiss, To a Mouse, Scots Wa Hae, A Red, Red Rose and A Man's a Man for A' That, and whose work has been translated into more than 40 languages and his memory honoured by more than 50 official statues including in the UK, US, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Russia and Estonia; and further notes that he has had his image portrayed on postage stamps, banknotes and coins in a number of countries and whose life, works and immortal memory are celebrated at Burn's Suppers across the world by millions of people on 25 January every year.

886 DVSA test centre closures

Tabled: 24/01/22 Signatories: 17

Kate Osborne
Jim Shannon
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Ian Lavery
Apsana Begum
Grahame Morris

Mr Alistair Carmichael

John McDonnell

Zarah Sultana

That this House notes with concern the current programme of closures of local DVSA driving test centres across the country, including the South Shields DVSA Test Centre in the Jarrow constituency; acknowledges that the loss of the Bede Industrial Estate facility is yet another blow to South Tyneside, while lesson times, prices and waiting lists all increase at a period when waiting times for driving tests are at an all-time high; further notes that such closures are being undertaken without any consultation with those directly affected or the local community; strongly believes that moving the test centre away from South Tyneside could discourage many from learning to drive in the borough and risks skilled instructors and examiners leaving the industry which will further exacerbate already high waiting times; further acknowledges that the added distance South Tyneside learners will be forced to drive to take lessons will increase emissions and impact negatively on the environment; calls on the DVSA to reconsider any such closures; and further calls on the Department for Transport to suspend immediately any such closures and to instruct

the Driving Vehicle Standards Agency that no closures may be undertaken without a full public consultation.

887 Mandatory covid-19 vaccinations

Tabled: 24/01/22 Signatories: 11

Rachael Maskell
Mick Whitley
Ian Lavery
Margaret Greenwood
Paula Barker
Apsana Begum

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House condemns the Government for twice passing legislation to introduce mandatory covid-19 vaccination of health and care workers in 2021; notes that by Government's own assessment this will result in up to 115,000 staff members being dismissed, putting severe pressure on NHS and social care, causing additional stress to NHS and care staff and further hindering retention, while NHS pressures and backlog grow; notes the NHS Constitution is clear that healthcare must be delivered by informed consent, through a personal choice; further notes that the legislation will only provide a supported conversation by a line manager, rather than with a professional with appropriate competencies and if staff have not received their first vaccination by 3 February 2022, they will be dismissed; notes that these measures are opposed by the health and social care staff professional bodies, such as the Royal College of General Practitioners and the Royal College of Nursing, as well as all the health and social care trade unions; and is further concerned that according to Government data, the depleting efficacy of the vaccine over a 10-week period is just 40 to 50 per cent against the Omicron variant, and will therefore provide little protection against the transmission of covid-19 in comparison to daily testing and better graded PPE; and calls on the Government to immediately withdraw the regulations with immediate effect to avert this health and social care workforce and service crisis.

888 Family Fund 2020-21

Tabled: 24/01/22 Signatories: 16

Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Claudia Webbe
Sir Peter Bottomley
Allan Dorans

John McDonnell

That this House recognises the invaluable work of Family Fund, as the UK's largest charity providing grants to families on low incomes raising disabled or seriously ill children; commends their role in supporting families by providing grants for essential items, family breaks, sensory equipment and more; further recognises the significance of this work, supporting 8,468 carers with grants worth over £3.6 million in 2020-21; and commends all of their staff on their excellent work to support families on low incomes raising disabled or seriously ill children in Motherwell and Wishaw, Scotland and the UK, particularly during these difficult times, and wishes them the best for the future.

889 Child citizenship feesTabled: **24/01/22** Signatories: **26**

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Jim Shannon
Claudia Webbe
Beth Winter
Sir Peter Bottomley
Carol Monaghan

Claire Hanna
 Ben Lake
 Amy Callaghan

John McDonnell
 Liz Saville Roberts

Alison Thewliss
 Hywel Williams

That this House believes that no child should be priced out of British citizenship; is appalled by the Home Office practice of charging a fee of £1,012 to register a child for British citizenship; is further appalled that the Home Office makes a profit of £640 from each child citizenship application; notes the Court of Appeal ruling of 19 February 2021 which declared this practice unlawful; believes that children born in the UK should be granted automatic British citizenship; urgently calls on the Home Office to immediately cease profiting from child citizenship fees and limit charges associated with child citizenship to the cost of processing applications; and further calls on the Government to review the impact of such fees on children's human rights.

892 RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 2022Tabled: **25/01/22** Signatories: **10**

Jim Shannon
Caroline Lucas
Paul Girvan
Chris Law
Sir Peter Bottomley
Mohammad Yasin

Carla Lockhart

Alison Thewliss

That this House notes the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds' annual Big Garden Birdwatch 2022, taking place from the 28 to 30 January 2022; further notes that the RSPB is the country's largest nature conservation charity, inspiring everyone to give nature a home; highlights the continued efforts by the RSPB to bring people together throughout the covid-19 pandemic by encouraging them to take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch from their own homes; notes the importance of the Birdwatch as it enables the RSPB to gather crucial information on bird and wildlife trends across the UK, the result of which help to inform environmental changes if needed, as well as celebrating success stories; and celebrates and thanks the RSPB for their dedicated work for the environment across the UK and encourages all to get involved in the Big Garden Birdwatch 2022.

893 A wealth tax as an alternative to National Insurance increases

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 30

Richard Burgon
Ian Lavery
John McDonnell
Kate Osborne
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Zarah Sultana

Amy Callaghan

That this House calls on the Government to abandon its regressive plans for a 1.25 percentage point increase in National Insurance contributions; believes this will add to the cost of living crisis people are already experiencing as a result of big increases in energy bills, high inflation, real-term wage cuts and cuts to universal credit; and calls on the Government to replace the proposed National Insurance increase with taxes on the wealth of the richest one per cent.

894 Appeals process for fines under covid-19 restrictions

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 9

Dawn Butler
Apsana Begum
Ian Byrne
Grahame Morris
Dan Carden
Rachael Maskell

John McDonnell

That this House is concerned by increasing reports of alleged social gatherings and events in Downing Street during periods of covid-19 lockdown; is further concerned by the fact that the police have issued over 100,000 fixed penalty notice fines to members of the public for breaking covid-19 restrictions; believes that it is wrong that people had no formal right of appeal under those restrictions; and calls on the Government to immediately implement a retrospective appeals process for everyone who was issued a fine under those restrictions.

895 Nature Recovery Networks

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 16

Mr Barry Sheerman
Sammy Wilson
Wera Hobhouse
Claudia Webbe
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans

John McDonnell

Paul Blomfield

That this House notes the importance of Nature Recovery Networks in combatting biodiversity loss in the UK; further notes the urgent need to take action that halts the alarming trend of biodiversity decline; welcomes the findings and recommendations of the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee report, Biodiversity in the UK: bloom or bust, HC 136, June 2021; appeals to the Government to implement that report in full; gives particular emphasis to the need for Nature Recovery Networks to be given priority in building a healthier local environment; accepts gladly the provisions laid down in the Environment Act 2021 that mandate the creation of Local Nature

Recovery Strategies to act as a spatial planning framework for Nature Recovery Networks; reiterates the recommendations of the Environmental Audit Committee that far more detail is needed to translate this ambition into transformative action; believes that to be a successful policy approach the Government must develop a plan for ensuring that Local Nature Recovery Strategies are rolled out across the entire country and that they successfully evolve into a national network; calls on the Government to link environmental and planning policies into one coherent policy approach; and further calls on the Government to make a formal assessment of the ability of local authorities to deliver their Local Nature Recovery Strategies.

896 Buy Now Pay Later products and consumers

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 17

Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Law
Patrick Grady
Allan Dorans

John McDonnell
 Amy Callaghan

Claire Hanna

Alison Thewliss

That this House calls on the Government to take urgent action to introduce stronger consumer safeguards on the Buy Now, Pay Later (BNPL) market; understands that BNPL products have become an increasingly popular payment method in the UK, experiencing huge growth during and since the covid-19 pandemic, with a third of UK consumers using this payment method; acknowledges that those products allow consumers to spread the costs of goods and services interest-free, with the option to defer payment for 30 days or in instalments after they have received their purchases; notes that BNPL products are on the Financial Conduct Authority's regulatory perimeter, with providers relying on a regulatory exemption originally intended to allow businesses to offer ongoing services, such as gym membership; acknowledges that the Financial Conduct Authority's recent Woolard Review expressed concerns about how BNPL schemes are presented by online retailers, frequently without clear information about late fees, credit checks and how repayments work and, in some instances, used as the default method of payment; believes that BNPL products are marketed and presented as a means of payment rather than a form of credit which encourages consumers to use them without fully understanding the risks; and calls on the Government to introduce proportionate regulation and ensure greater transparency on this method of payment so that consumers fully understand the risks involved.

897 World Cancer Day 2022

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 20

Patricia Gibson
Apsana Begum
Claudia Webbe
Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Jonathan Edwards

Alison Thewliss

Amy Callaghan

That this House notes that 4 February 2022 is World Cancer Day which aims to raise awareness, improve education and call for nations to work together to tackle cancer globally; understands that one in two people will develop cancer in their lifetime and recognises that early detection of cancer is crucial in improving the chances of effective treatment results; supports measures to assist in

reducing tobacco and alcohol consumption and to tackle obesity, which may assist in the prevention of one in three cancers; believes that no-one should feel alone or confused when being diagnosed with cancer and commends the work of Cancer Research UK and its volunteers, who provide invaluable information and support to those diagnosed with cancer and their families; and calls for increased investment in cancer research to save lives and allow more people living with cancer to lead fuller, healthier and happier lives as we look forward to a future without cancer.

898 Elections Bill

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 14

Ben Lake
Brendan O'Hara
Claudia Webbe
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Law
Wera Hobhouse

John McDonnell

Alison Thewliss

Amy Callaghan

That this House recognises the importance of ensuring that elections are fair and accessible for all voters; strongly condemns the proposed changes to reserved elections under the Elections Bill, including the introduction of compulsory photographic identification to vote; notes that the knock on effects of those changes risk undermining the functioning and vitality of devolved elections; notes that the Welsh Government and Scottish Government have refused to grant legislative consent to the Elections Bill on those grounds; supports the #HandsOffOurVote campaign that seeks to ensure that no legitimate voter is turned away from the ballot box; and calls on the Government to withdraw the Elections Bill and introduce legislation that enhances rather restricts democratic participation.

899 Pastel Bakery at the 22nd World Championship Scotch Pie Awards

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 9

Owen Thompson
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Patrick Grady
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows

Alison Thewliss

Amy Callaghan

That this House congratulates Newtongrange-based Pastel Bakery on its success at the World Championship Scotch Pie Awards in 2022; notes that Pastel Bakery was awarded the diamond award for its macaroni pie and gold awards for its steak, stornaway black pudding and peppercorn sauce pie and its Balmoral chicken pie; recognises that the awards are in their 22nd year and seek to recognise the production of perfect pies in their 11 categories; commends the success and popularity of the awards, which had over 400 entries this year; and celebrates the huge economic and cultural benefits of bakeries and bakers across Midlothian and the country as a whole.

900 The death of former Celtic manager Wim Jansen

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 14

Brendan O'Hara
Jim Shannon
Richard Thomson
Alan Brown
Chris Law
Patrick Grady

Alison Thewliss

Amy Callaghan

That this House mourns the passing of Wim Jansen, footballer, manager and coach who has died at the age of 75; acknowledges the enormous contribution he made to European football as part of the Feyenoord side which won the Dutch league title four times between 1964 and 1975, the European Cup in 1970 and the UEFA Cup in 1974; notes that Jansen was a key part of the legendary Dutch international team which reached the final of the World Cup in both 1974 and again in 1978; recognises Jansen's importance to European football in the words of his teammate and friend Johann Cruyff who said of Jansen that he considered him to be one of only four people worth listening to when they spoke about football; also acknowledges the hugely significant part Wim Jansen played in the history of Celtic Football Club when as manager he led his team to their first Scottish Premier League title in a decade following a dramatic last day victory over St. Johnstone in May 1998; and thanks Wim Jansen for all he did in a lifetime in football and conveys its deepest condolences to his family.

901 Social security benefit increases and levels of inflation

Tabled: 26/01/22 Signatories: 14

Chris Stephens
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Patrick Grady
Marion Fellows
Rachael Maskell

John McDonnell
 Amy Callaghan
 Ben Lake

Claire Hanna
 Hywel Williams
 Jonathan Edwards

Alison Thewliss
 Liz Saville Roberts

That this House notes that social security benefits are set to rise in April 2022 by the rate of general inflation in September 2021, which was 3.1 per cent; further notes that inflation reached 5.1 per cent in November 2021 and is expected to reach approximately 6 per cent in April 2022, resulting in a real terms cut in the value of social security benefits; notes that this will add to the financial difficulties being faced by households on low incomes who, based on recent evidence from the Threehills Community Supermarket and the broader Feeding Britain network, are already struggling to afford food and fuel; and calls on the Government to protect those households from the rising cost of living by using nearer-term forecasts to increase benefits in line with the actual rate of inflation that will apply in April 2022.

902 Ayrshire Potato Day

Tabled: 26/01/22 Signatories: 9

Patricia Gibson
 Margaret Ferrier
 Jim Shannon
 Allan Dorans
 Patrick Grady
 Marion Fellows

Alison Thewliss

Amy Callaghan

That this House celebrates Ayrshire Potato Day, to be held on 5 February 2022 at Elm Park Allotments and Community Garden in Ardrossan; commends the work of Ardrossan-based charity, Three Towns Growers, for organising this event promoting locally-grown produce; further commends Three Towns Growers for its ongoing commitment to providing a community growing space and hub for the residents of Ardrossan, Saltcoats and Stevenston, inclusively enhancing skills in the community to enable people to grow their own produce, either on site or within their own gardens; notes the positive health and well-being impacts of community gardening, and the environmental benefits of buying locally-grown produce; recognises that this is a day to celebrate the many types of potatoes grown in Ayrshire, particularly the famous Ayrshire Early Epicure potato; and urges everyone who has a keen interest in growing potatoes, or other produce, to attend this wonderful event.

903 Register of Overseas Entities and russian influence in the UK

Tabled: 26/01/22 Signatories: 14

Layla Moran
 Jim Shannon
 Stephen Farry
 Sir Peter Bottomley
 Rachael Maskell
 Caroline Lucas

Mr Alistair Carmichael
 Ben Lake
 Amy Callaghan

John McDonnell
 Liz Saville Roberts
 Jonathan Edwards

Alison Thewliss
 Hywel Williams

That this House notes the warnings as detailed in successive reports, including the Foreign Affairs Committee's report *Moscow's Gold* and the Intelligence and Security Committee's *Russia Report*, of the interference of Kremlin-linked elites in the UK; expresses its concern at the ease with which individuals with links to the Kremlin have been able to launder money in the UK and in London in particular; notes with concern new research released by Transparency International which covered £1.5 billion of UK property bought with suspicious Russian wealth; welcomes the UK Government's decision, in principle, to take action on this; expresses its frustration that, six years on from an initial announcement to establish a register of overseas entities and their beneficiaries by bringing forward a register of overseas entities, no such scheme has been introduced; calls on the Government to formally support the Registration of Overseas Entities Bill, the Second Reading of which is due on 18 March 2022 and has cross-party support; further calls on the Government to implement all the recommendations of the *Russia Report*; and urges the Government to make democracy a national security priority.

904 Yorkshire Ambulance Service

Tabled: 26/01/22 Signatories: 10

Jon Trickett
Richard Burgon
Rachael Maskell
Emma Hardy
Jim Shannon
Dan Jarvis

John McDonnell

That this House expresses its gratitude and thanks to the hard-working and dedicated staff of the Yorkshire Ambulance Service, particularly during the trying period of the covid-19 outbreak; notes that the significant increase in calls answered by the service, from 42,000 to 72,000, between November 2020 and November 2021 has added further pressure on staff; further notes the high level of absences mainly due to covid-19 at a time of stress for ambulance staff; notes with concern the report that 9 out of 10 of leaders across the health service feel that the present situation is unsustainable and that patient care could be compromised; regrets the underfunding of our vital health services; further regrets the added pressure on the service as a result of nearly 200 GP practice closures in Yorkshire since 2010; regrets the fact that Category 1 incidents in Yorkshire at the end of 2021 have an average response time of 9 minutes 49 seconds, compared to a target of 7 minutes; and urges the Government to appropriately compensate hard-working staff by prioritising filling NHS vacancies and accepting health trade unions demands for pay awards that undo the impact of real terms pay cuts since 2010.

905 Greater Manchester Clean Air Zone

Tabled: 26/01/22 Signatories: 14

Tony Lloyd
Navendu Mishra
Andrew Gwynne
Kate Green
Yvonne Fovargue
Angela Rayner

John McDonnell

That this House notes that some 1,200 deaths a year are attributable to poor air quality in Greater Manchester; believes that, on that basis, movement towards establishing a Clean Air Zone (CAZ) in Greater Manchester is vital; stresses that a CAZ must be properly resourced to prevent it simply becoming a political football rather than saving lives; is aware that it was the Government which mandated the 10 Greater Manchester local authorities to introduce a CAZ and that none of the local authorities can amend, revoke, or suspend their CAZ without the prior written permission from the Secretary of State; is conscious that small businesses, taxi drivers and private individuals are concerned that the cost of vehicle replacement is not backed by Government funding; supports the request in letters from both Greater Manchester Conservative and Labour hon. Members calling on the Government to engage in further consultation on the implementation of the CAZ; and calls on the Government to now have a pause in the implementation of the CAZ to allow for that consultation on how to provide the resources required and bring about changes to make the scheme fair for everyone.

906 Providing financial restitution to women born in the 1950s

Tabled: 26/01/22 Signatories: 38

Ian Byrne
 Kim Johnson
 Wera Hobhouse
 Claudia Webbe
 Jim Shannon
 Beth Winter

Angela Crawley
 Mr Barry Sheerman
 Christine Jardine

Sir George Howarth
 Amy Callaghan

Claire Hanna
 Chris Law

That this House welcomes the positive interventions from so many hon. Members from across the House on behalf of women born in the 1950s who have lost their pensions and pays tribute to constituents and campaigners in their ongoing fight for justice; recalls that women born in the 1950s were subject to discriminatory employment and pension laws; recognises that this included being excluded from some pensions schemes; further recognises that this had the negative effect for them of losing the opportunity to have the same level of pension as their partner or spouse; recognises that this has had the consequence of women in this position never being able to have equal pensions to men; notes that this has negatively and profoundly impacted on those women including leading to increased levels of poverty, deteriorating health and homelessness; further notes that at least 3.8 million women have been impacted by the loss of their pensions from the age of 60 in three separate age hikes; and calls on the Government to enact a temporary special measure as permitted by international law to provide full restitution to women born in the 1950s who have lost their pensions from the age of 60 because of the impact of the rise in retirement age.

907 DH Robertson Butchers, Arbroath

Tabled: 26/01/22 Signatories: 9

Dave Doogan
 Jim Shannon
 Allan Dorans
 Patrick Grady
 Marion Fellows
 Chris Stephens

Amy Callaghan

Patricia Gibson

That this House warmly congratulates Steve and Pam Bennet at DH Robertson butchers in Arbroath on their win at the Scottish Craft Butchers Awards 2022 becoming champions in the Best Link Sausage category; further congratulates DH Robertson on winning at the World Championship Scotch Pie Awards 2022 in three categories, a diamond medal in the Sausage Roll Category, gold medal in the Football Pie or Savoury Category for Arbroath FC and bronze medal in the Hot Savoury Category; notes that these awards are incredibly competitive and are judged by 60 independent industry experts and professionals; and offers best wishes in their future success as a multi-award winning butcher.

908 One year anniversary of the military coup in Myanmar

Tabled: 26/01/22 Signatories: 33

Rushanara Ali
Dame Margaret Hodge
Kim Johnson
Jim Shannon
Mick Whitley
Kenny MacAskill

Jeremy Corbyn
 Emma Hardy
 Amy Callaghan

John McDonnell
 Carla Lockhart
 Marion Fellows

John Cryer
 Alison Thewliss
 Jonathan Edwards

That this House, on the one year anniversary of the military coup that took place on 1 February 2021 in Myanmar (Burma), condemns the crimes against humanity perpetrated by the Myanmar military against the people of Myanmar; stands in solidarity with the Burmese people opposing the military coup; notes in horror the increased attacks by the military in ethnic areas including Chin, Karenni and Karen State over the recent months which includes the burning of people alive, torching of villages and killings of children; demands an urgent stop to the attacks; demands the release of all political prisoners; welcomes the UK Government's condemnation of the coup and the introduction of targeted economic sanctions on military businesses; calls for further economic sanctions targeting military revenues; further calls for sanctions on aviation fuel to ground military bomber jets; calls on the Government to increase its efforts to encourage other countries to introduce unilateral arms embargoes; further calls on the Government to increase cross-border aid through local organisations working directly with the people affected by the military attacks; and calls on the Government to join the Rohingya genocide case at the International Court of Justice to secure justice for the Rohingya genocide, and to publicly support the referral of the situation in Myanmar to the International Criminal Court.

909 Get Me Home Safely campaign

Tabled: 27/01/22 Signatories: 30

Zarah Sultana
Rachael Maskell
Rebecca Long Bailey
Kate Hollern
Apsana Begum
Charlotte Nichols

Jim Shannon

That this House notes that shift work is widespread in many industries, especially hospitality, and can often entail late-night working; further notes that many workers, especially women, are increasingly worried about their safety travelling to and from work at night; believes that, while employers may feel their duty of care to staff ends when an employee finishes a shift, they also need to take into consideration journeys home, especially during unsocial hours; is appalled at the weakness of enforcement of the law against sexual assault, including up-skirting, on public transport; insists that more trained staff and stronger enforcement of the law against sexual assault and harassment on public transport is urgently needed; supports calls for the municipal ownership of buses in order to lower prices and improve service provision, especially for night-time and off-peak services; welcomes Unite the union's Get Me Home Safely campaign, which calls on employers to take all reasonable steps to ensure workers are able to get home safely from work at night; calls on local governments and licensing boards to change regulations to make free transport home for staff a prerequisite for new liquor licences; and calls on the Government to bring forward national minimum standards for taxis and private hire as per the recommendations of the Task and Finish

group, to ratify ILO Convention 190 to end violence and harassment in the workplace and to extend employers' duty of care to include safe transport home policies for all workers.

911 Stuart Delivery couriers

Tabled: **27/01/22** Signatories: **15**

Grahame Morris
Ian Lavery
Kate Osborne
Mick Whitley
Nadia Whittome
Dr Rupa Huq

Paul Blomfield
 Jim Shannon

John McDonnell
 Jonathan Edwards

Dawn Butler

That this House notes with deep concern that key worker couriers working for JustEat subcontractor Stuart Delivery have seen their pay cut and working conditions deteriorate during the covid-19 pandemic, despite those key workers putting their own lives at risk and providing a vital service to the public; notes that couriers continue to be denied the basic workers' rights of minimum wage protections, holiday pay and pensions; further notes that the company is ultimately owned by La Poste, which is itself wholly owned by the French Government and thereby subsidised by French taxpayers; is appalled that key workers in the gig economy are provided no protection against poverty pay and unilateral changes to terms and conditions in their working relationships; is shocked that these workers, most of whom are from BAME and migrant backgrounds, have been refused the right to freely associate and protect their interests via collective bargaining, and have therefore been forced to take industrial action to challenge these conditions; and calls on Stuart Delivery to negotiate with those workers' chosen union the Independent Workers' union of Great Britain (IWGB), to rescind the recent pay cuts and to implement the minimum standards of pay and conditions demanded by the IWGB in order to ensure those workers are not illegally denied their basic rights and are protected from being in working poverty.

912 70th anniversary of 2nd Cambusnethan Boys' Brigade Company

Tabled: **27/01/22** Signatories: **3**

Marion Fellows
Chris Law
Patricia Gibson

That this House congratulates 2nd Cambusnethan Boys' Brigade Company on reaching their 70th anniversary; recognises the excellent community work they has undertaken since they were founded on 12 November 1951; further recognises the excellent opportunity the Brigade provides local boys to get involved in their local communities and offer a safe and enjoyable environment to learn new skills and make new friends; commends the dedication of those working towards badges especially the Queen's Badge and wishes them every success in this endeavour; and further congratulates all of the Brigade's staff on their excellent work to support people in Wishaw and surrounding areas, particularly during this difficult year; and wishes them all the best for the future.

913 Local volunteer Nicole Watt

Tabled: 27/01/22 Signatories: 6

Marion Fellows
Chris Law
Steven Bonnar
Amy Callaghan
Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon

That this House commends Nicole Watt for the outstanding voluntary work she has done throughout the pandemic to raise much needed money for valuable local charities; notes that Nicole has fundraised for the Beatson Cancer Charity, MacMillan Cancer support, Children's Cancer and other local schools and community groups; recognises Nicole's dedication to this work alongside working full time as a teacher in a local school; and further congratulates her on her excellent work to support people in the community, particularly during this difficult year, and wishes her all the best for the future.

914 Elaine Hands, local foodbank volunteer, St Bernadette's Motherwell

Tabled: 27/01/22 Signatories: 7

Marion Fellows
Chris Law
Steven Bonnar
Alison Thewliss
Amy Callaghan
Patricia Gibson

Jim Shannon

This House commends the work of Elaine Hands; recognises that, in addition to working full time as a teacher in a local school, she dedicates her Sundays to running a local foodbank based at St Bernadette's Parish Church; further commends Elaine for helping hundreds of families in need in the local area and for providing materials and supplies herself; further notes the work she has done in conjunction with St Vincent de Paul to make up Christmas parcels for over 40 families; and further congratulates Elaine on her excellent work to support people in Wishaw and surrounding areas, particularly during this difficult year, and wishes them the best for the future.

915 South Wishaw Parish Church

Tabled: 27/01/22 Signatories: 7

Marion Fellows
Chris Law
Steven Bonnar
Alison Thewliss
Amy Callaghan
Patricia Gibson

Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the work of Reverend Terry Moran and all at South Wishaw Parish Church for the innovative community work they have been undertaking; commends them for the recent launch of the New Life Recovery Hub based in the Church in cooperation with Street Connect, a Glasgow based Christian charity; and further congratulates them for all their excellent

work to support people in Wishaw and surrounding areas, particularly during this difficult year, and wishes them the best for the future.

916 Catriona Matthew OBE

Tabled: **28/01/22** Signatories: **2**

Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates North Berwick golfing legend Catriona Matthew on receiving an OBE for services to sport; understands that Catriona's golfing career has consisted of winning the Women's British Open at Royal Lytham and St Annes in 2009, won the Solheim Cup with Team Europe in 2003, 2011 and 2013, and had a non-playing captain role as Team Europe won the tournament in 2019; and wishes Catriona the best of luck for the future.

917 Dunbar School of Dance fundraising for charity

Tabled: **28/01/22** Signatories: **2**

Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates young dancers at the Dunbar School of Dance on hitting a fundraising milestone of £40,000, after lighting up the stage for the last two decades and raising money for Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity in the process; understands that a show on 15 January 2022 saw the school raise £2,038 which the ECHC will put towards CAMHS, pushing them to the £40,000 milestone; commends founder of the school, Julie Friar, on the fundraising efforts over the last twenty years; and wishes Julie and all of the dancers the very best of luck with future fundraising efforts.

918 Growing Matters Charity in Gilmerton and Ross High School

Tabled: **28/01/22** Signatories: **2**

Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Rebecca Fenwick, Molly Jones, and Rachael Young, pupils at Ross High School, on securing £3,000 for Growing Matters in Gilmerton, through the school's Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) competition; understands that after groups of pupils had to research a social issue and deliver a presentation, Growing Matters, a small charity run by volunteers and provides opportunities for social and therapeutic gardening, was named the successor thanks to the group's research and presentation; and wishes Rebecca, Molly, Rachael, and everyone involved in the Bridges Project the best of luck with their future.

919 Scottish Government spending on reserved mattersTabled: **28/01/22** Signatories: **3**

Douglas Chapman
John McDonnell
Marion Fellows

That this House praises the Scottish Government for investing £600 million in areas that would normally be regarded as reserved issues; notes this includes £83 million on Discretionary Housing Payments to mitigate the negative impact of the bedroom tax, and £102 million to improve digital connectivity infrastructure; acknowledges however that this money comes from finite budgets which need to be balanced against core spending in devolved areas; and calls on the UK Government to recognise the Scottish Government should not be required to spend Scottish taxpayers' money to undo the damage of policies made at Westminster.

920 Edna Clayton 101st birthdayTabled: **28/01/22** Signatories: **11**

Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Carol Monaghan
Patrick Grady
Anne McLaughlin
David Linden
Alison Thewliss

Amy Callaghan
 Marion Fellows

Patricia Gibson
 Jim Shannon

Chris Law

That this House recognises that Edna Clayton, who moved into the Hector House facility in Shawlands last August, will be 101 years old on 31 January 2022; extends its birthday wishes to fun-loving Edna who is well-known figure around Battlefield and has dedicated her life to her son, James; regrets that Edna spent her milestone 100th birthday alone with no visitors, and no celebration; pays tribute to the staff at Hector House for organising a memorable birthday for Edna and for reaching out to the wider community; and once again wishes Edna a very happy 101st birthday.