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New EDMs

1057 **Red diesel**

Tabled: 10/03/22 Signatories: 1

Carla Lockhart

That this House recognises the cliff edge scenario for the construction, waste and haulage industry that has been caused as a result of the Government's proposed changes in the red diesel rebate that are due to take effect on 1 April 2022; calls on the Treasury to delay that change given other escalating costs and allow time for greener alternatives to actually become available to industry; notes that, for such a significant change in taxation, the economic climate and context within the industry should be key determinants when choosing the time to implement that change; argues that that change is being pursued at a time when construction companies are under unprecedented pressures, with unprecedented input cost rises across materials and energy; acknowledges that the Government has stated that that change is necessary to protect the environment and reduce carbon emissions but asserts that that is a flawed logic since the technology and alternative fuel sources to power the construction and transport industry is simply not available right now; further asserts that as a result of the timing of that change, users will switch from red to white diesel, and indeed because some biofuels are also having their rebate withdrawn, users will also be switching from biofuel to diesel; asserts that it is imperative that the Government rethink this policy and permit industry a transition period to allow time for the development of alternative fuels and machinery that can use those alternative fuels.

1058 **Play Midlothian National Lottery funding**

Tabled: 10/03/22 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates Play Midlothian on being awarded £9,956 in grant funding from the National Lottery Community Fund; notes that the group will use the funding to provide group play sessions for disabled children and their families; applauds Play Midlothian on their work to enrich

children's health, wellbeing and development through play, as well as in addressing barriers and inequalities in access to the play children need; recognises the sterling work done by the National Lottery Community Fund to distribute funding on behalf of National Lottery players who raise more than £30 million each week for good causes throughout the UK; welcomes the awarding of £588.2 million of funding last year alone; and encourages projects and organisations to apply for grants whether large or small.

1059 Abused Men in Scotland National Lottery funding

Tabled: 10/03/22 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates Abused Men in Scotland on being awarded £177,257 in grant funding from the National Lottery Community Fund; notes that the group will use the funding to implement a new community-focussed delivery model supporting men in Scotland who are experiencing domestic abuse, providing a further 49 hours' cover on their helpline; further notes that they will also recruit an additional 10 helpline support volunteers, with 15 Local Hero volunteers to be recruited throughout Scotland to deliver outreach and build connections in their local areas; applauds Abused Men in Scotland for their work to support men who have been victims of domestic abuse through their helpline and campaigning work; recognises the sterling work done by the National Lottery Community Fund to distribute funding on behalf of National Lottery players who raise more than £30 million each week for good causes throughout the UK; welcomes the awarding of £588.2 million of funding last year alone; and encourages projects and organisations to apply for grants whether large or small.

1060 Temple Village Halls Association National Lottery funding

Tabled: 10/03/22 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates Temple Village Halls Association on being awarded £7,400 in grant funding from the National Lottery Community Fund; notes that the group will use funding to carry out restoration works to preserve the C-listed Temple village hall; applauds the association for their work to preserve the history and architecture of Temple; recognises the sterling work done by the National Lottery Community Fund to distribute funding on behalf of National Lottery players who raise more than £30 million each week for good causes throughout the UK; welcomes the awarding of £588.2 million of funding last year alone; and encourages projects and organisations to apply for grants whether large or small.

1061 Gorebridge Community Development Trust National Lottery funding

Tabled: 10/03/22 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates Gorebridge Community Development Trust on being awarded £10,000 in grant funding from the National Lottery Community Fund; notes that the group will use funding to hold a Festival of Wellbeing; applauds the work of Gorebridge Community Development Trust in engaging with and delivering projects that have a social, environmental, enterprising and economic impact on Gorebridge; recognises the sterling work done by the National Lottery Community Fund to distribute funding on behalf of National Lottery players who raise more than £30 million each week for good causes throughout the UK; welcomes the awarding of £588.2

million of funding last year alone; and encourages projects and organisations to apply for grants whether large or small.

1062 **The Triumph of Endurance22**

Tabled: **10/03/22** Signatories: **1**

Ed Davey

That this House congratulates the archaeologists, engineers, technicians, and chroniclers from Endurance22 aboard the S.A. Agulhas II for finding the lost ship, Endurance; and recognises the hard work of the whole crew; and honours this new chapter in the Endurance's story, one of the unbridled possibility of the human spirit, hope over fear, and most of all, endurance.

1063 **Insourcing Merseyrail cleaners**

Tabled: **10/03/22** Signatories: **1**

Dan Carden

That this House believes that the pandemic has demonstrated beyond doubt the essential nature of cleaning and cleaners on public transport; notes that outsourcing these workers has delivered low pay, exploitation, disputes and corner-cutting in the drive to create profits; further notes that Mitie's contract with Merseyrail comes to an end next year; believes that insourcing would create better jobs with fairer pay and make it easier to drive improvements in service quality; and urges Merseyrail to sit down with the RMT union and work up a fully-costed proposal to bring these key workers in-house.

1064 **Medical aid for Ukraine**

Tabled: **10/03/22** Signatories: **1**

Ed Davey

That this House supports the need to send emergency medical aid to the people of Ukraine; acknowledges that local emergency services in Ukraine are running out of vital medical supplies that can mean the difference between life and death for many people; notes the urgent nature of providing the people of Ukraine with this medical equipment; recognises that the UK should do more to support the people of Ukraine; urges the UK Government to immediately deploy a more ambitious emergency medical aid package to Ukraine, in addition to the £120 million humanitarian aid package previously announced; and calls on the UK Government to reverse the misguided cut to the international development budget and immediately return to spending 0.7 per cent of GNI on Official Development Assistance.

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.

1006 Accommodation for children in care over the age of 15

Tabled: 24/02/22 Signatories: 28

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Ian Mearns
Kim Johnson
Mohammad Yasin
Mr Virendra Sharma
John McDonnell

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House notes with grave concern the introduction of secondary legislation by the Department for Education which guarantees care and regulated accommodation to vulnerable looked-after children only to the age of 15; and is further concerned by the disproportionate impact this policy has on boys and children from black, Asian and minority ethnic communities; further adds that between 2018 and 2020, 22 children in care aged 16 and 17 died while living in this type of unregulated setting which is devoid of care and consistent adult supervision; further champions the charity Article 39 and the delegation of care experienced people who handed over a 10,700 signature-strong #KeepCaringTo18 petition to Downing Street on this issue; and urgently calls on the Government to change this legislation to ensure all looked after children, no matter what their age, live in accommodation that has carers and provides care.

1010 Support for the pig farming industry

Tabled: 25/02/22 Signatories: 7

Helen Morgan
Wendy Chamberlain
Tim Farron
Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Sir Peter Bottomley

Sarah Olney

That this House recognises the huge benefits the domestic pig farming industry brings to the United Kingdom; celebrates that the industry is worth £655 million to the British economy; acknowledges that farmers have been paying the price for problems in the supply chain; further notes that these problems are avoidable; and calls on the Government to offer vital support to pig farmers who face financial ruin, in the form of a targeted funding package and a relaxation of visa rules to prevent labour shortages.

1017 Royal Mail workforce reductions

Tabled: 1/03/22 Signatories: 55

Kate Osborne
Grahame Morris
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Paula Barker
Kate Hollern
Andy McDonald

Stewart Hosie

Tim Farron

That this House expresses alarm at plans by Royal Mail to reduce frontline managerial jobs by 900 posts, a reduction that will further harm the postal service in this country; condemns this continued attack on the jobs of workers while shareholders receive £311 million in rewards; is appalled at the treatment of postal managers, who have been the hidden heroes of the service during the coronavirus pandemic, working excessive hours with no additional pay in order to ensure that the public receives their post and packages; calls on Royal Mail to immediately engage with the workforce and its union, Unite, to save these jobs; is concerned that Royal Mail is already failing to meet its public service obligation, with delays to post now a regular occurrence around the country; agrees with Unite that the removal of hundreds of core workers is a senseless move that will see the service worsen; and calls on the regulator to intervene immediately to prevent Royal Mail taking a death-by-a-thousand-cuts approach to a cornerstone public service.

1023 Effect of a temporary timetable on the Pontefract line

Tabled: 2/03/22 Signatories: 5

Jon Trickett
Jim Shannon
Ian Lavery
Apsana Begum
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House regrets the reduction in timetabled rail services and continued operation of a temporary timetable by Northern Rail on users of the Pontefract Line between Leeds and Knottingley; regrets the impact on users of stations of all stations, including at Streethouse and Featherstone in the Hemsworth constituency; notes there are no alternative bus routes from Streethouse or Featherstone to Leeds; further notes that users of those locations can no longer arrive in Leeds before 9am; believes this demonstrates the failure of the Government's Levelling Up agenda and ongoing need to invest in improving connectivity; and urges the Secretary of State for Transport to ensure the necessary requirements are in place to ensure Northern Rail provides sufficient services on the Pontefract Line.

1031 Big Yellow Friday 2022

Tabled: 7/03/22 Signatories: 11

Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Sir Mike Penning
Allan Dorans
Douglas Chapman

Patrick Grady

That this House notes that 4 March 2022 is Big Yellow Friday; congratulates the Children's Liver Disease Foundation on its work in raising awareness, promoting research and providing information and support for people affected by a life-threatening liver disease; further notes with concern that every week 20 children in the UK are diagnosed with a life-threatening childhood liver disease that can mean a lifetime of care; commends the work of the Children's Liver Disease Foundation for working tirelessly and investing to support families and fund research projects, which helps to understand and treat childhood liver diseases; further congratulates all those taking part in Big Yellow Friday 2022 and showing support for children affected by childhood liver disease and their families; and calls on the Government to work closely with all national liver-disease charities to help ensure that childhood liver diseases are understood, prevented and treated effectively, ensuring that babies, children, young people and adults diagnosed in childhood achieve their full potential.

1032 Retirement of Margaret McIntyre at Citizens' Advice Bureau

Tabled: 7/03/22 Signatories: 7

Chris Stephens
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Alyn Smith
Marion Fellows

Patrick Grady

That this House congratulates Margaret McIntyre on her retirement as Bureau Manager of the Greater Pollok Citizens' Advice Bureau after two decades in the post; notes Ms McIntyre took on the role as Bureau Manager when the Pollok Citizens' Advice Bureau opened to the community in 2001; recognises Margaret has been with the CAB service for over 30 years, dedicating 22 years to the community of Greater Pollok; applauds the leadership that Ms McIntyre has shown in her time as Bureau Manager; further recognises the tremendous work done by Citizens Advice and Ms McIntyre over the course of the Covid-19 pandemic to assist those most in need; thanks Ms McIntyre for her outstanding service to service users and the Greater Pollok community over the years; and wishes her the best in retirement and future endeavours.

1034 World Kidney Day 2022

Tabled: 7/03/22 Signatories: 9

Daisy Cooper
Martin Docherty-Hughes
Jim Shannon
Sir Mike Penning
Apsana Begum
Jonathan Edwards

Carla Lockhart

That this House notes that World Kidney Day takes place on Thursday 10 March 2022 on the theme of education and awareness of kidney health; recognises that 250,000 people living with stage 4 and 5 chronic kidney disease are at higher risk of hospitalisation or death following COVID-19 infection than any other group and have faced difficulty protecting themselves due to challenges accessing additional vaccine doses, and guidance that excluded them; welcomes the rollout of COVID-19 treatments but encourages the Government to consider their use prophylactically to prevent infection in those for whom vaccines are less effective; commends the important work charities, such as Kidney Care UK, have done to protect, support and advocate for clinically extremely vulnerable kidney patients from all ethnic and cultural backgrounds, as well as people who are immunocompromised or immunosuppressed; and calls on the Government to acknowledge all late-stage chronic kidney disease patients' vulnerability to COVID-19 and ensure this group are included in and protected by COVID-19 guidance.

1035 Exclusion of women members from The Garrick Club

Tabled: 7/03/22 Signatories: 4

Daisy Cooper
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens
Caroline Lucas

That this House congratulates the Women At The Garrick Club campaign on collecting more than 300 signatories from the legal profession, including more than 100 Queens Counsel barristers, for their petition to members of the Garrick Club; notes that they urge the club membership to behave ethically by holding a vote on, and voting in favour of, admitting women as members; regrets that currently The Garrick affords men opportunities through their membership to form connections with senior legal practitioners and members of the judiciary, which may support their professional aspirations, and that these opportunities are not available to women; calls on all private members clubs to immediately abolish archaic rules preventing women from being admitted as members; and encourages those at the Garrick and other clubs to reflect on their commitment to equality and diversity in the approach to International Women's Day on 8 March.

1036 Scotland Board of the Gaelic Athletic Association 125th Anniversary

Tabled: 7/03/22 Signatories: 9

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Douglas Chapman
Chris Stephens

Patrick Grady

That this House is delighted to acknowledge the 125th anniversary of the establishment of the Scotland Board of the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA), also known as Scotland GAA; believes that Scotland GAA has been instrumental in maintaining and strengthening the links between the sport, Ireland and the Irish diaspora across Scotland over the last century and that the organisation continues to grow with strength; wishes to extend its thanks to those involved in the organisation for their dedication and hard work; and believes that a positive long term future of the sport is built on strong foundations with their Sports Community Hub based in Clydebank.

1045 Endometriosis Awareness Month 2022

Tabled: 7/03/22 Signatories: 14

Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Sir Mike Penning
Mohammad Yasin
Patricia Gibson

Paul Girvan

Chris Stephens

That this House notes Endometriosis Awareness Month 2022; further notes that it is estimated that one in 10 women have endometriosis which frequently presents with the symptom of pain and which can cause infertility in up to 40 per cent of sufferers; highlights this awareness month to promote a greater awareness and understanding of endometriosis among the medical profession, education sector, employers, politicians and society in general; and reaffirms the right of women to access best practice and consistent care and treatment for everyone regardless of where they live.

1046 50th anniversary of the bombing of the Abercorn Restaurant in Belfast

Tabled: 7/03/22 Signatories: 5

Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Sir Mike Penning
Paul Girvan

That this House notes the 50th anniversary of the bombing of the Abercorn Restaurant in Belfast; highlights the loss of innocent life with the death of Anne Owens and Janet Bereen with the bomb detonation a mere two minutes after the warning was phoned in and expresses our continued sympathy; further expresses support for the 130 victims who were maimed and live with the physical and emotional scars; and also remembers those first responders on the scene of that atrocity who

dealt with images that can never be forgotten perpetrated by those who have never been charged or arrested and into which an historical investigation has not been carried out.

1049 Cost of living

Tabled: **8/03/22** Signatories: **22**

Jon Trickett
Dan Carden
Jim Shannon
Grahame Morris
Rachael Maskell
Jeremy Corbyn

Caroline Lucas
 Peter Dowd

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Chris Stephens

That this House expresses its deepest concerns about the explosion in the cost of living and its impact on millions of working people across the country, with Ofgem announcing that the energy price cap will rise by £693 to £1,971 per year on 1 April 2022, a 54 per cent rise; further notes a rise of up to 13 per cent in the lowest paid workers' National Insurance contributions from April 2022, together with increases in council tax and the highest levels of inflation for nearly 30 years; sadly notes wage growth has been stagnant for 15 years and looks set to stay that way, with the average person losing £1,000 in real terms in 2022 alone; particularly notes Resolution Foundation's report showing people are facing the worst fall in living standards since the 1970s; highlights that food prices have increased, since 2010, by 27 per cent and childcare costs by 50 per cent, placing strain on millions of families; shares concerns that despite the decline in quality of privatised transport, bus and rail fares are up 50 per cent on average; also acknowledges the struggle faced by private renters, with average annual rents up £2,000 since 2010; notes with regret that this cost of living crisis will be compounded by the war in Ukraine and many families will be pushed deeper below the poverty line; and urges the Government to act immediately to tackle the cost of living crisis by ensuring that those with the broadest shoulders contribute more.

1050 The future of Gaelic language media

Tabled: **8/03/22** Signatories: **9**

Mr Alistair Carmichael
Kevin Brennan
Jamie Stone
Christine Jardine
Wendy Chamberlain
Jonathan Edwards

Chris Stephens

That this House notes the important cultural and economic contribution that minority language broadcasting contributes to the communities it serves and the UK's wider creative economy; recognises that there is a vital opportunity to use the Government's upcoming Broadcasting White Paper to tackle shortcomings in the current legislative status for Gaelic broadcasting; and urges the Government to provide a clear statutory basis for Gaelic language public service media, putting it on an equal footing with Welsh language broadcasting.

1051 Rutherglen Lawn Tennis Club's centenaryTabled: **8/03/22** Signatories: **3**

Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens

That this House recognises that 2022 marks the centenary of Rutherglen Lawn Tennis Club; congratulates the club on this impressive achievement; notes the success of their celebratory quiz night, well attended by locals across a broad spectrum of ages; further notes the club's commitment to their Project 100, which seeks to secure a strong and healthy future for the club and further their engagement with the local community and wider Scottish tennis community; and wishes them the best for their future centenary events throughout 2022, including the Ceilidh on the Courts, vintage tennis tournament, book launch and centenary dinner and dance at Rutherglen Town Hall.

1052 Persecution of religious minority women and girlsTabled: **8/03/22** Signatories: **15**

Dr Lisa Cameron
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Rachael Maskell
Sir Mike Penning
Jonathan Edwards

Patrick Grady
 Richard Thomson

Paul Girvan

Chris Stephens

That this House celebrates International Women's Day on Tuesday, 8 March, 2022; supports the UK's commitment to promoting gender equality around the world; recognises that women from religious minorities face persecution and discrimination on account of both their faith and their gender; highlights particularly the cases of Christian women in Nigeria, Yazidi women in Iraq, and Hindu and Christian girls (forcibly converted and married) in Pakistan; calls on the Government to facilitate asylum for the Christian girl Maira Shahbaz, currently in hiding in Pakistan; urges the Government to intensify its efforts to ensure the safe release of Leah Sharibu, Alice Ngaddah and the Chibok girls in Nigeria; insists that gender-specific religious persecution is clearly recognised in FCDO policy and practice; recommends that the Government fund targeted programming for women facing double vulnerabilities as members of minority faith communities; and encourages the FCDO to work with local faith actors who can best respond to these experiences.

1053 Treatment of workers following closure of Dawnfresh factory, UddingstonTabled: **8/03/22** Signatories: **14**

Ian Mearns
Ian Lavery
Kate Osborne
Mick Whitley
Kim Johnson
Jim Shannon

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Chris Stephens

That this House condemns the treatment of 200 loyal staff of Dawnfresh Seafoods Ltd following the closure of the Uddingston site near Glasgow as a result of the company being put into administration; notes that Dawnfresh, one of the UK's largest fish and seafood processors, was owned by billionaire Alastair Salvesen, one of the richest people in Scotland; further notes as a

result of the site closure, the workers were denied the opportunities they had been promised to either transfer to the company's Arbroath site, recently upgraded with extensive public subsidies, or negotiate redundancy terms; is scandalised that whilst Salveson prioritised the recovery of his private art collection from the site, the workers from the Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Union found their employment terminated without notice and without receiving wages they were owed, forcing people into such financial jeopardy that they fear being forced to turn to food banks; and therefore calls on the Government to urgently review and reform the legal framework which allows such callous treatment of workers.

1054 A green transition from Russian oil and gas

Tabled: 9/03/22 Signatories: 6

Sarah Olney
Caroline Lucas
Dan Carden
Ed Davey
Wendy Chamberlain
Tim Farron

That this House maintains an unwavering commitment to achieving net zero targets; acknowledges the urgent need to tackle high carbon emissions produced by homes across the UK; recognises the need for a comprehensive Government scheme to incentivise retrofitting to improve energy efficiency of homes and buildings; pledges that any future additional investment in energy production is directed to renewable sources of energy; extends the phasing out of Russian energy supply imports to include natural gas; and commits to making the transition away from Russian oil and gas a green one.

1056 Atalian Servest cleaners and the West Coast Mainline

Tabled: 9/03/22 Signatories: 10

Kim Johnson
Ian Mearns
Paula Barker
Grahame Morris
Mick Whitley
Apsana Begum

Charlotte Nichols
 Carden

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Ian Byrne

Dan

That this House supports cleaners employed by Atalian Servest who are members of the RMT union and taking industrial action in support of better pay, sick pay and travel facilities; notes that these cleaners, who clean trains and stations on the West Coast Mainline, have worked throughout the pandemic at great personal risk, to ensure that rail travel is safe and to help keep essential services running; further notes that passenger surveys consistently stress the importance of cleanliness in restoring confidence in public transport, making clear that cleaning is an essential service; is concerned to learn that Atalian Servest's cleaners are only paid £9.68 per hour and that none receives company sick pay; is deeply disappointed that, in spite of the strength of feeling among these keyworkers, Atalian Servest have failed to make a satisfactory pay offer to these cleaners, while paying a £10.8 million dividend to their French parent company; and calls on Atalian to meet the cleaners' claims and for the client, Avanti West Coast, which itself recently declared a dividend of £11.5 million to its owners, to help facilitate a settlement that will give cleaners the respect and dignity they deserve.