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New EDMs

79 **20 years of independence for East Timor, Timor-Leste**

Tabled: **19/05/22** Signatories: **1**

Kirsten Oswald

That this House notes that East Timor, Timor-Leste, was internationally recognised as an independent nation on 20 May 2002 following its liberation from Indonesian occupation in 1999 and a United Nations administered transitional period; recalls that Timor-Leste, a former Portuguese colony, first declared independence in 1974 but, in 1975, was invaded and occupied by Indonesia without challenge from the international community; further recalls that, in 1999, following a campaign of resistance led by Xanana Gusmao, and after sustained and mounting international pressure, Indonesia allowed a UN-run referendum in which the Timorese people voted overwhelmingly for independence; recognises that the Timorese Parliament and Government have faced the task of reconstructing their country after departing Indonesian troops and militia conducted a scorched earth campaign in which many Timorese citizens were killed and the majority of the country's infrastructure was destroyed before a UN-backed International Force for East Timor (INTERFET) could be deployed to bring the violence to an end; congratulates the people of Timor-Leste on achieving the milestone of twenty years as an independent and democratic country; wishes recently elected President Jose Ramos Horta and the Timorese people all the best as they work to overcome the legacy of colonisation and occupation; and calls on the Government to offer political and economic support as necessary to President Ramos Horta and the Timorese people in building a secure, peaceful, and prosperous country.

80 **Rangers in the UEFA Europa League**

Tabled: **19/05/22** Signatories: **1**

Chris Stephens

That this House honours the success of Rangers Football Club in the UEFA Europa League this season reaching the final in Seville; pays tribute to the efforts of the team despite their narrow

loss on penalties to Eintracht Frankfurt in the Final; acknowledges the incredible leadership of Manager Giovanni Van Bronckhorst and his coaching staff; pays tribute to Rangers' club captain James Tavernier whose guidance, leadership and goals played a vital part in the club's success in the competition this season; extends tributes to the rest of the playing squad who have repeatedly shown true grit and desire to win en route to the final; commends the Ranger's fans for the passionate support they have given the club throughout the competition; and wishes the club further success in Europe in the coming years.

81 Bonnyrigg Rose promotion to the SPFL

Tabled: 19/05/22 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates Bonnyrigg Rose FC on their historic promotion to the Scottish Professional Football League (SPFL) following last week's victory over Cowdenbeath; notes that the 141 year-old, Midlothian-based club will now be playing SPFL League 2 football next season for the first time after a 1-0 win at Central Park sealed a 4-0 aggregate victory over Cowdenbeath in the pyramid play-off final; commends the club's players, management and supporters for this historic promotion; and wishes Bonnyrigg Rose the very best of luck in the games to come.

82 Penicuik Athletic places second in the East of Scotland Premier Division

Tabled: 19/05/22 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates Penicuik Athletic FC on placing second in the East of Scotland Premier Division; notes that the Midlothian-based club, founded in 1888, placed second following their 2-1 match against Sauchie Juniors last month; commends the club's players, management and supporters for their impressive achievement; and wishes Penicuik Athletic the very best for all the games to come.

83 Play Therapy Base Ltd National Lottery Funding

Tabled: 19/05/22 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates Play Therapy Base Ltd on receiving a £119,382 grant from Medium Grants Scotland: Improving Lives as part of the National Lottery Community Fund; notes that the group will use the funding to support 50 children and families primarily from Midlothian by providing one to one play therapy sessions and filial therapy sessions; applauds Play Therapy Based Ltd for their work to provide child-centred therapeutic resources close to local Midlothian communities, including specific support for parents and children with anxiety and depression; 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.

84 SNP election result in North Ayrshire Council

Tabled: 19/05/22 Signatories: 1

Patricia Gibson

That this House congratulates the SNP North Ayrshire Council group on their victory in being elected the largest party on Thursday 6 May's local elections, securing more seats and more first preference votes than any other party, thereby securing a mandate to form North Ayrshire Council's new administration; recognises that the SNP's success in North Ayrshire Council reflects the people of North Ayrshire's desire for a new administration; wishes newly elected SNP Council leader Marie Burns and Depute Leader Shaun Macaulay all the best for their leadership of this administration; welcomes the election of well-respected Councillor Anthea Dickson to the role of Provost of North Ayrshire; sincerely thanks voters in North Ayrshire for putting their faith in the SNP to take on the mantle of running North Ayrshire Council on their behalf; and wishes the new SNP administration every success as it works to deliver on the people of North Ayrshire's priorities.

85 Iain MacNeil's global voyage

Tabled: 19/05/22 Signatories: 8

Angus Brendan MacNeil
Ms Anum Qaisar
Carol Monaghan
Jamie Stone
Drew Hendry
Mark Menzies

Brendan O'Hara

Mick Whitley

That this House notes that from the time of the great Magellan Expedition of 1518-1521, the first to circumnavigate the world, that mankind has always been fascinated with nautical circumnavigations of the world; warmly congratulates Iain MacNeil from the Hebridean Island of Barra, following in those footsteps by completing the first circumnavigation in the world in a sub-24 metre motor yacht class vessel, MV Astra, with 151 days at sea, crossing all 360 degrees of latitude and the equator twice, with a total covering 27,000 nautical miles; further notes that Iain MacNeil, and his four crew, follow in the proud tradition of the Clan MacNeil who according to legendary repute among the Scottish Highland Clans, were the only other people, other than Noah, to have a Galley boat at the time of the biblical flood.

86 Mobility support for terminally ill children under three

Tabled: 19/05/22 Signatories: 1

Ed Davey

That this House notes that children under three are currently excluded from receiving the mobility component of the DLA; recognises that mobility is about more than just the ability to walk, in line with the mobility condition for children with visual impairments or autism that states they require substantially more guidance or supervision than a nondisabled child of the same age; acknowledges that children under three can still face significant challenges to their mobility, like relying on big and heavy equipment that is difficult to move; commends the great work of the Family Fund Mobility Support scheme in supporting families with disabled or seriously ill child under three to meet their mobility needs; and calls on the Government to extend the special rules DLA mobility to cover terminally ill infants under the age of three.

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.

2 Green New Deal Bill

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 22

Caroline Lucas
Clive Lewis
Wera Hobhouse
Stephen Farry
Nadia Whittome
Claire Hanna

Apsana Begum

That this House notes the lack of a sufficient and comprehensive Government plan to decarbonise the UK economy in response to the climate and nature emergencies; recognises public support for bolder and faster action; and calls on the Government to support the Green New Deal Bill, formally known as the Decarbonisation and Economic Strategy Bill, which will introduce legally binding targets in line with the UK's commitment to stay within 1.5 degrees of global heating, reverse inequality, protect and restore nature and the environment, implement new measures of progress that prioritise human and ecological wellbeing in line with the recommendations of the Treasury-commissioned Dasgupta Review, change the way Government manages the economy to enable unprecedented investment in the Green New Deal, end any plans to licence new fossil fuel exploration and new coal mining, establish a comprehensive action plan to transform the UK's energy supply, transport system, farming, land management, homes, buildings, green spaces and the way of working, creating millions of good green jobs across the UK, involve communities, trade unions and workers in the development of the plan, ensuring a just transition by prioritising investment in communities excluded from full participation in the economy and those working in today's high-emissions sectors, enhance the democratic power and resources of devolved governments, local authorities and elected mayors, increase democratic ownership in key sectors including energy, water, transport and mail and advance global justice by ensuring finance and technology for the global South and by promoting the Green New Deal globally.

7 Melanoma Awareness Month and VAT on sunscreen

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 17

Patricia Gibson
Douglas Chapman
John McDonnell
Rachael Maskell
Allan Dorans
Hywel Williams

Apsana Begum

That this House recognises that May is Melanoma awareness month; understands that melanoma is the most serious type of skin cancer and that that most skin cancers are caused by too much exposure to ultraviolet (UV) rays; is aware that protecting your skin from UV rays is key to lowering the risk of skin cancer; believes that Melanoma awareness month is an opportune time to once again call for sunscreen to be reclassified as an essential healthcare item and therefore be exempted from VAT, given the important role it plays in preventing serious health conditions such as skin cancer; understands that sunscreen is classified as a cosmetic product in the UK and is therefore subject to 20 per cent VAT, which adds around £1.50 to the cost of each bottle; recognises that

Cancer Research UK has concluded that being sunburnt once every two years can triple the risk of melanoma skin cancer, and that melanoma skin cancer incidence rates have more than doubled in the UK since the early 1990s; and calls on the Government to therefore take action to remove VAT on this essential product to make it more affordable and to encourage people to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun.

12 Proportional property tax

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 8

Grahame Morris
Jim Shannon
Ian Lavery
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Claudia Webbe
Rachael Maskell

Apsana Begum

That this House notes the UK cost of living crisis hitting family budgets; expresses concerns that people are unable to meet the cost of housing, food and utilities; believes the public cannot sustain further tax increases and recognises the need for fairer not higher taxes; notes that Council Tax disproportionately penalises deprived communities that have lower wages and property values; calls on the Government to replace Council Tax and Stamp Duty with a Proportional Property Tax securing an average annual saving of £556 as well as lowering taxes for 77 per cent of households; notes the policy supports the current levelling up agenda, benefitting the poorest communities most; further notes that in addition to assisting with the cost of living, a Proportional Property Tax would deliver an economic stimulus through increasing incomes in areas experiencing the fastest high street decline; recognises that in areas with an overheated property market, people on low incomes can live in high value properties and therefore welcomes transitional protections to cap any tax increases at £100 a month as well as offering options to defer payment; finally notes that a Proportional Property Tax will help to close regional economic inequalities and would represent the most substantive policy to date in delivering the Government's levelling up agenda.

15 National Service Veterans Association and the National Servicemen's Alliance

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 15

Ian Lavery
Jim Shannon
Jon Trickett
Grahame Morris
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Claudia Webbe

Apsana Begum

This House notes the role played by the National Service Veterans Association and the National Servicemen's Alliance in honouring and remembering the 2.3 million young men conscripted into the British Army under the National Service Act between 1947 and 1963; notes that youngest of those who gave their service under the Act are now 82; further notes that many of the founding objectives of both organisations have been successful, particularly to assist those former National Servicemen disadvantaged by their service, to raise awareness of the service to our country and to seek official recognition; notes that while the organisations have campaigned over many years to see the contribution given to their country by these men recognised by awarding a medal this has not yet come to fruition; supports the organisations ongoing work to see those who undertook

national service to be properly recognised; and calls on the Government to right a historic wrong and ensure that medals are awarded to National Servicemen for their work on behalf of our nation.

16 Refuse disposal workers' pay and conditions

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 11

Zarah Sultana
Dan Carden
Jonathan Edwards
Beth Winter
Ian Lavery
Claudia Webbe

Apsana Begum

That this House notes the recent wave of industrial action from refuse disposal workers, including in Coventry, Rugby, Wealdon, and Brighton; further notes improved pay agreements have been reached to avoid further refuse disposal workers strikes at locations including Northampton and Manchester; notes that refuse disposal workers were rightly recognised as key workers during the pandemic; notes the cost-of-living crisis and the soaring costs of basic necessities such as energy bills, food, and fuel; further notes the significant central government cuts to local authorities over the past 12 years; believes that refuse disposal workers deserve decent wages and terms and conditions; calls on the government to properly fund local authorities, reversing more than a decade of cuts; calls on local authorities to treat trade union reps with dignity and respect; and calls on local authorities to engage constructively with striking refusal disposal workers, bringing forward new deals to meet workers' concerns.

19 Disability Benefit Assessments and the Health & Disability Green Paper

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 20

Marsha De Cordova
Dan Carden
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Patricia Gibson
Beth Winter

Apsana Begum

That this House notes that Department for Work and Pensions statistics show that of the 1.5 million Incapacity Benefit claimants who were assessed for Employment Support Allowance (ESA) up until June 2019, 268,000 were found Fit for Work, a proportion of 18 per cent, that between 2013-2020, only 66,000 out of 400,000 requests for Mandatory Reconsideration of an ESA-Work Capability Assessment (WCA) decision resulted in a changed decision, that in 2019-20, 75 per cent of WCA appeals to the independent Tribunal were won by the claimant, that by 2020, of 1.5 million disabled people previously in receipt of Disability Living Allowance who had been reassessed for Personal Independence Payment (PIP), nearly half, 706,473, had seen their entitlement either reduced or disallowed, that of the six million people who have applied for PIP, 2.7m have been refused, a proportion of 46 per cent, that of those going on to lodge a PIP appeal in 2020-21, 31,720, DWP conceded 10,990 appeals before they even went in front of the Tribunal and lost two-thirds of those that were decided there; further notes that while the July 2021 Health & Disability Green Paper does have some useful operational changes, it does not go far enough in remedying DWP's poor quality decision-making and reforming the assessments regimes; and calls on the Government to commit to much more fundamental reform of WCA and PIP assessment in the forthcoming White

Paper to guarantee disabled and seriously unwell people receive the social security they need to live on.

20 Covid-19 testing and school exams

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 15

Munira Wilson
Helen Morgan
Tim Farron
Ed Davey
Dan Carden
Wendy Chamberlain

Apsana Begum

That this House recognises the impact of the covid-19 outbreak on pupil and staff absences; believes there is potential for further disruption in the coming weeks; commends the tireless work of school leaders, teachers and support staff to ensure schools are as safe as possible for the exam season; yet notes that schools have been informed by the Department for Education that stocks of lateral flow tests are not to be distributed; calls on the Government to immediately communicate to schools that they can use any stocks of lateral flow tests held locally; and further calls on the Government to make free testing available for all pupils and staff, including exam invigilators, for the next few weeks to cover the essential exam period.

21 Louise Aitchison and domestic violence protection

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 12

Dr Lisa Cameron
Jim Shannon
Rachael Maskell
Margaret Ferrier
Allan Dorans
Hywel Williams

Apsana Begum

That this House recognises the truth of abuse and its genuine impact on society; acknowledges that there are hundreds of female deaths, many registered as suicides across the UK and that a significant proportion of these involve cases of domestic abuse; asks the Government to amend how they investigate domestic abuse cases and risks to survivors to utilise specialised frontline responders who are fully trained in handling domestic abuse cases; appreciates the work of professionals including Professor Jane Monckton Smith, who have worked so hard to highlight this issue; acknowledges the Sunday Post campaign to highlight the need for change by Scottish journalist Marion Scott; commemorates the tragedy of East Kilbride's Louise Aitchison whose life was so cruelly taken whilst she had so much to give and live for; and urges the Government to support specialist domestic abuse risk management services, in Louise's and other victims memory to save lives.

26 Mental Health Awareness Week

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 17

Jim Shannon
Sarah Green
Rachael Maskell
Neale Hanvey
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake

Apsana Begum

That this House notes Mental Health Awareness Week running from 9 to 15 May 2022; further notes that the Mental Health Foundation are focussing on awareness of the impact of loneliness on mental health and the practical steps that can be taken to address it; highlights the awful finding that one in four adults feel lonely some or all of the time; takes this opportunity to thank all those voluntary organisations and churches who were at pains to ensure that their members were not completely isolated during covid-19 and yet understands that covid-19 has exacerbated Loneliness for many people; and further encourages organisations and local communities to continue to take those steps to make contact with people as they did during covid-19 and take time to ensure that people know they are not alone.

27 Restoration of Everton Library

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 4

Dan Carden
John McDonnell
Chris Stephens
Apsana Begum

That this House commends the community-led campaign to restore and repurpose Everton Library, opened as a public library and Technical Institute in 1896, as a thriving community hub; commits to protecting this Grade II-listed landmark building and publicly-owned asset; regrets that it was ever allowed to fall into a state of disrepair; welcomes that remedial work has started to preserve it from further deterioration; supports plans to revive Everton Library as a multi-use public space to create, learn and exchange on the rich, local heritage; and believes that the successful restoration of Liverpool's Jewel on the Hill would instil pride in the area, generate green jobs and stand as a beacon of community-driven regeneration.

28 Abortion rights in the United States

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 19

Ms Diane Abbott
Jonathan Edwards
Hywel Williams
Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Beth Winter

Apsana Begum

That this House expresses its grave concern about the series of attacks that have been launched in the United States on a woman's right to choose; notes that the leaked opinion of the US Supreme Court overturning the judgement of Roe v Wade has been authenticated; is aware that poorer women and many from ethnic minorities already experience severe difficulties in exercising their reproductive rights and that this situation could become much worse; further notes that anti-

choice campaigners in the United States are attempting to build support overseas, including in this country; and resolves to support a strong defence of a woman's right to choose in this country and internationally.

29 Energy price rises and the price cap

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 14

Ms Diane Abbott
Rachael Maskell
Neale Hanvey
Margaret Ferrier
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Caroline Lucas

Beth Winter

Apsana Begum

That this House notes the recent rise in energy prices and that these price rises have intensified a cost of living crisis; also notes that the price cap is projected to rise again in October 2022 and that this, in combination with the seasonal increase in demand for energy in winter, will impoverish millions of the poorest in Britain; further notes that Ofgem is a government agency which determines the energy price cap and that energy companies have made record profits this year; and calls on the Government to direct Ofgem to rule out any increase in the energy price cap in October.

32 ME Awareness Day 2022

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 37

Carol Monaghan
Rachael Maskell
Jonathan Edwards
Cat Smith
Margaret Ferrier
Stephen Metcalfe

Caroline Lucas

Apsana Begum

That this House recognises 12 May 2022 as Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) Awareness Day, which aims to highlight the impact this condition has on approximately 250,000 people across the UK; commends the endless dedication of campaigners and charities working to raise awareness of ME as a serious and debilitating neurological condition; welcomes the publication of the new National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guidelines on ME/CFS which has removed the recommendation of graded exercise therapy; looks forward to the full implementation of these guidelines as part of a complete overhaul of how ME services are planned and delivered; and calls on the Government to take urgent and significant steps to improve health and social care provision for people with ME.

33 Moratorium on fracking

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 13

Wera Hobhouse
 Rachael Maskell
 Jonathan Edwards
 Cat Smith
 Dan Carden
 Neale Hanvey

Apsana Begum

That this House expresses concern at reports that Cuadrilla have been given another year to explore options for its wells; regrets that fracking for shale gas is still being considered despite the renewable alternatives that are available; urges the Government to ensure the moratorium on fracking is made both statutory and permanent; and calls on the Prime Minister to step in to ensure all fracking wells are decommissioned as soon as possible.

34 Killing of Shireen Abu Akleh

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 35

Grahame Morris
 John McDonnell
 Kim Johnson
 Tommy Sheppard
 Liz Saville Roberts
 Caroline Lucas

Apsana Begum

That this House is shocked by the killing of Al-Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh by Israeli forces whilst reporting on raids in Jenin; extends its sincere condolences to her family and colleagues who are devastated by her death; is appalled that this widely-respected, brave and committed journalist was hit by a bullet whilst wearing a press vest, with gunfire having started without prior instruction to stop filming; notes that fellow journalist Shatha Hanaysha who was present at the time believes that the group was targeted for attack by the Israeli army; considers that this shocking incident must be in the wider context of Israeli forces systematically targeting journalists working in Palestine and the failure to properly investigate killings of media workers; notes that the International Federation of Journalists, the Palestinian Journalists' Syndicate and the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians previously submitted a formal complaint to the International Criminal Court last month regarding such treatment; calls for a full independent investigation of this case, with swift action to bring those responsible for Shireen's death to account; and joins the National Union of Journalists and the International Federation of Journalists in demanding an end to, and justice for, the wider targeting and killings of Palestinian journalists by Israeli forces.

37 Defibrillators in Fleetwood

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 4

Cat Smith
 Jim Shannon
 Chris Stephens
 Apsana Begum

That this House commends the work of Helen Crane, Gillian Gallagher, and Gilly Atkinson from Fleetwood for their fundraising for defibrillators; recognises they have raised enough to fund seventeen of these lifesaving devices, and welcomes that already eight have been fitted across

Fleetwood since June 2021; further commends their work in organising community training sessions in partnership with the Fylde coast first responders to show people how to use the equipment.

38 **Scope charity shop, Fleetwood**

Tabled: **16/05/22** Signatories: **5**

Cat Smith
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Chris Stephens
Apsana Begum

That this House regrets the closure of the Scope charity shop on Lord Street in Fleetwood after 20 years in its current location and further regrets that the charity shop space will instead be used to expand licenced space for gambling; praises the work done by shop manager Sharon Kenny and assistant shop manager Steph Bend; further praises the time given by regular volunteers Monique, Judith, James and his support workers, Janet, Julie, Pauline, Maggie, Karrone and Yulia; wishes all those who have worked hard over the years the very best for the future and hopes to see no further expansion of betting shops on the high street.

40 **Registration of deaths after a public inquiry**

Tabled: **16/05/22** Signatories: **30**

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Kim Johnson
Jim Shannon
Yvonne Fovargue
Alex Cunningham
Rosie Cooper

Apsana Begum

That this House notes the urgent need to amend legislation to allow grieving families the choice to register the death of a loved one after a public inquiry; highlights the heart-breaking case of Liam Curry and Chloe Rutherford from South Shields who were tragically murdered in the Manchester Arena terror attack in May 2017 and whose parents are being denied the chance to register the death of their own precious children; further notes that for many families, registering a death may be a vital step in their grieving process, especially in cases of an unexpected and traumatic death that results in an inquiry; and calls on the Government to put bereaved families at the heart of inquiries by listening to their needs and making the necessary changes to this important issue.

44 Ownership of Channel 4

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 26

Jamie Stone
Mr Barry Sheerman
Kim Johnson
Jonathan Edwards
Douglas Chapman
Rachael Maskell

Daisy Cooper
 Apsana Begum

Mick Whitley
 Claire Hanna

Caroline Lucas

That this House is concerned about the Government's plans to privatise Channel 4, a publicly owned company that does not cost the taxpayer a penny; notes that Channel 4 is not run for profit and is therefore free from the need to create return for shareholders; acknowledges that Channel 4's remit to demonstrate innovation, experiment and creativity makes a significant contribution to creating educational and distinctive programming; further acknowledges the substantial contribution Channel 4 makes towards the UK's creative economy and the levelling up agenda; considers that any step towards privatisation would inevitably replace Channel 4's characteristic public service ethos in favour of the narrow interests of shareholder profit; recalls the House of Lords Select Committee on Communications report entitled A Privatised Future for Channel Four? (July 2016), which warned that Channel 4 could be adversely affected by privatisation; further recalls that 96 per cent of people who responded to the Government's consultation on the ownership of Channel 4 disagreed with privatisation; and calls on the Government to end plans to privatise Channel 4.

46 Cats in road traffic accidents

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 21

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Jim Shannon
Rachael Maskell
John McDonnell
Chris Stephens
Margaret Ferrier

Beth Winter
 Apsana Begum

Ms Diane Abbott
 Marsha De Cordova

Mohammad Yasin

That this House is proud to state that the UK is a nation of cat lovers with approximately 12.2 million cats in UK households; notes that this makes cats the second most popular pet in the UK, second only to dogs, with 27 per cent of households owning at least one cat; sympathises with the pain that is felt by pet owners when their pet is struck by a vehicle and fatally wounded; notes with sadness that, according to data from PetPlan, approximately 230,000 cats are hit by cars every year in the UK, averaging 630 every day; is alarmed that under section 170 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, a driver is required to stop and report an accident involving horses, cattle, asses, mules, sheep, pigs, goats or dogs, but not cats; is aware that this distinction was made to protect working animals; argues that this distinction is no longer required in the modern-day where domestic animals are mainly kept as pets; cites a 2018 study by Carbuyer which found almost 60 per cent of those surveyed agreed the law should be changed to include cats as well; and calls on this Government to introduce a change in the law that would require drivers to report a traffic collision involving a cat.

47 Fur, foie gras and trophy hunting imports

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 17

Jon Trickett
Mohammad Yasin
Jonathan Edwards
Rachael Maskell
John McDonnell
Angela Crawley

Caroline Lucas

Beth Winter

That this House expresses concern and dismay at the Government reneging on its promise to strengthen animal rights through legislation by omitting this important matter from the Queen's Speech; stands with the many people who have written to their hon Member sharing their worry at the lack of action on a potential ban on fur, foie gras and trophy hunting imports; seeks to remind the Government of their 2019 manifesto promise to ban trophy hunting imports and their statement in that manifesto that high standards of animal welfare are one of the hallmarks of a civilised society; notes that 79 per cent of the British public supports the foie gras sales ban and 72 per cent supports the fur sales ban; further notes that the Government's failure to act is tantamount to propping up animal cruelty; and urges the Government to not go back on its promise and should instead take tough action against animal cruelty.

48 Paid miscarriage leave

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 19

Angela Crawley
Kim Johnson
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Law
Rachael Maskell

Caroline Lucas

That this House calls on the Government to introduce paid miscarriage leave; 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; congratulates private businesses which have implemented policies for paid miscarriage leave including John Lewis, ASOS and Monzo; and believes the UK Government should bring this industry standard into statute to provide paid leave for people who experience miscarriage and allow families to grieve for their profound loss.

51 Success of Liverpool men's and women's football teams

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 12

Dan Carden
Sir George Howarth
Ian Byrne
Kim Johnson
Maria Eagle
Paula Barker

Beth Winter

That this House extends its warmest congratulations to Liverpool Football Club for their victory in the 150th FA Cup final over Chelsea to win their second domestic honour of the 2021-22 season; recognises the incredible leadership of manager Jurgen Klopp and all of his staff; pays tribute to the guidance and direction of club captain Jordan Henderson; congratulates the skill, dedication and commitment of every player in the team and on the pitch; commends the support of Liverpool fans across the city and country; congratulates the club for building on the success of the winning of the EFL Cup; wishes the team every success in the Champions League Final and climax of the Premier League season; and congratulates the club on the promotion of Liverpool women back to the Women's Super League.

52 Dame Deborah James

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 15

Tracey Crouch
Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Crispin Blunt
Jonathan Edwards
John McDonnell

Caroline Lucas
 Marsha De Cordova

Beth Winter

Mohammad Yasin

That this House congratulates Dame Deborah James on her richly deserved Damehood; recognises her phenomenal fundraising efforts through the BowelBabe Fund for Cancer Research UK; thanks her, Lauren Mahon, the late Rachael Bland and Steve Bland for raising awareness and talking openly about cancer in the podcast You, Me & the Big C; regrets that nearly 43,000 new bowel cancer cases are diagnosed each year and that Bowel Cancer is the fourth most common cancer in the UK; calls on the Government to keep to its commitment of extending the age of NHS Bowel cancer screening to those over 50 across the whole country; appeals for the Government to increase endoscopy capacity to improve earlier and faster diagnosis; acknowledges more needs to be done to raise awareness of the symptoms of bowel and other cancers in younger people by supporting campaigns such as Bowel Cancer UK's Never Too Young campaign championed by Dame Deborah; and seeks long term funding for clinical trials and research into personalised medicine that could result in new treatments for cancer patients.

58 Jake Daniels

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 24

Mr Clive Betts
Tracey Crouch
Kim Johnson
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Ian Lavery

Dame Angela Eagle
Apsana Begum

Nadia Whittome

Mohammad Yasin

That this House congratulates Jake Daniels on his courageous decision to be open about his sexuality; welcomes the support he has received from Blackpool FC; and calls on the Football Association, the English Football League, and the Professional Footballers' Association to provide any support Mr Daniels needs and to act in the strongest possible way against any unacceptable comments or actions which he may subjected to.

60 Reduction in civil service employment

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 41

Chris Stephens [R]
John McDonnell
Liz Saville Roberts
Caroline Lucas
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Grahame Morris

Zarah Sultana

Beth Winter

Apsana Begum

That this House condemns Government plans to cut 91,000 jobs from the civil service over the next three years; notes that departmental spending levels for the next three years have only recently been issued, following a process of assessing future staffing requirements; is angered to have learnt of these plans from tabloid newspapers rather than a statement to Members of Parliament, and considers this rushed announcement as a desperate attempt to deflect from their own failure to address the cost of living crisis; regards as spurious the claim that this would represent a return to 2016 levels, since at that time there were already serious issues of understaffing in Departments such as the Home Office and that, since then, withdrawal from the EU has increased the volume of work required; further notes that the lengthy backlogs currently experienced in HM Passport Office have resulted from a failure to plan, recruit and resource operations sufficiently to meet the upsurge in demand; believes the further loss of jobs in that department and others will only compound the present crisis; and therefore calls on the Government to withdraw these ill-considered proposals.

62 Ukraine debt cancellation

Tabled: 17/05/22 Signatories: 13

Richard Burgon
Liz Saville Roberts
Caroline Lucas
Layla Moran
Chris Law
Hywel Williams

Apsana Begum

That this House recognises the devastating impact of the Russian invasion on the economy of Ukraine; notes the need for all the country's resources to be mobilised to support the humanitarian response and military defence; notes that the total external debt of Ukraine is \$54 billion and that Ukraine is due to make debt payments of \$7.3 billion in 2022 alone; notes with concern that the IMF has assessed Ukraine will need \$5bn a month for the next three months to address the impact of the invasion on the country's finances; calls on the Government to use its influence with G7 partners, the IMF and World Bank to suspend all external debt payments for as long as the war lasts and make it clear that a restructuring of debts involving all creditors will take place after the war that will make the debt sustainable; and further calls on the Government to work with partners to establish a fund to provide grants for emergency support and subsequent reconstruction of the country.

66 Visit of Franklin Graham to the UK

Tabled: 17/05/22 Signatories: 4

Mr Gregory Campbell
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Paul Girvan
Carla Lockhart

That this House notes the visit to the UK by evangelist, Franklin Graham, on his God Loves You tour; acknowledges the fundamental right of those who wish to attend in support of, or others who wish to protest in opposition to, Mr Graham's explanation of biblical views on moral issues; and looks forward to debates that do not refuse or restrict his rights, or the rights of others to free speech arising from his visit, as he elaborates on his outline of the biblical stance on modern society and morality, as well as offering hope to those suffering as a result of the numerous problems faced by many individuals who are searching for a positive future for themselves and their families.

67 Highland Council elections team

Tabled: 17/05/22 Signatories: 7

Drew Hendry
Ian Blackford
Allan Dorans
Douglas Chapman
Hannah Bardell
Chris Stephens

Jamie Stone

That this House commends the Highland Council elections team on their excellent management of the recent local government election; recognises the entire team's professionalism and dedication which ensured the smooth-running election process from candidate selection to declaration of results; also notes that the successful live streaming of the count meant that thousands of viewers

witnessed the election count process; furthermore recognises the significant contribution of others, including Highlife Highland Staff and Police Scotland, and in doing so commends their contributions to the local government election process.

68 Plastic Free Pint campaign

Tabled: 17/05/22 Signatories: 6

Martyn Day
Allan Dorans
Wera Hobhouse
Ronnie Cowan
Chris Stephens
Apsana Begum

That this House supports the international campaign Plastic Free Pint by A Plastic Planet, which seeks an outright ban on plastic pint cups without delay; notes that globally 500 billion plastic cups are used each year and lined up end to end they would span 50 MILLION kilometres – the same distance as 130 trips from Earth to the moon; acknowledges that those pint cups are almost exclusively made of plastic and are single-use items that will end up in landfill, in incinerators or directly in our natural environments; highlights that plastic cups are the sixth-most commonly found plastic item in Britain’s rivers, and the eighth on the nation’s beaches; and calls on the Government as well as hon. Members to work together to end the scourge of the plastic pint cups and help build a more sustainable planet.

69 Employment bill

Tabled: 17/05/22 Signatories: 12

Angela Crawley
Jonathan Edwards
Allan Dorans
Wera Hobhouse
Deidre Brock
Patricia Gibson

Caroline Lucas

Apsana Begum

That this House expresses its disappointment that the Government has not introduced an Employment Bill in the 2022 Queen’s Speech; notes that an Employment Bill was announced in the 2019 Queen’s Speech but is yet to reach the statute books; deplores the Government’s missed opportunity to bring forth policies on flexible working by default, carer’s leave, paid leave for neonatal care, paid miscarriage leave, leave for menopause and fertility treatments, prevention of workplace sexual harassment, the right to keep gratuities in full, and to extend redundancy protections to prevent maternity and pregnancy discrimination; condemns the Government’s tacit acceptance of rogue employers who abuse outdated employment regulations; recalls the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy’s remarks in 2021 that an Employment Bill would be brought forward when the time is right; suggests the Government must act immediately to counter insecure work and exploitative practices such as fire and rehire and zero-hours contracts; recognises the coronavirus pandemic and the cost of living crisis has intensified the need for updated workplace protections; and urges the Government to make parliamentary time to bring forward an Employment Bill in order to keep its promises to protect and enhance workers’ rights.

71 Stockport County Football Club

Tabled: 17/05/22 Signatories: 9

Navendu Mishra
 Angela Rayner
 Tony Lloyd
 Kim Johnson
 Mick Whitley
 Mr William Wragg

Apsana Begum

That this House congratulates Stockport County Football Club on their promotion back to the Football League after an 11-year absence; pays tribute to manager Dave Challinor and his players for their role in helping the club win the National League title; recognises the efforts of all staff at the club and their contribution towards helping Stockport County FC secure promotion; acknowledges the legacy of former manager Danny Bergara, who was the first manager born outside the British Isles and whose first language wasn't English to lead an English club out at Wembley; notes the club's history since their formation as Heaton Norris Rovers in 1883; thanks the fans for their loyal support; and congratulates owner Mark Stott and Stockport Council for recently agreeing a 250-year lease of Edgeley Park which has secured the club's long-term future at their historic ground ahead of their return to the Football League.

72 Specialist Huntington's Disease Services

Tabled: 17/05/22 Signatories: 12

Hilary Benn
 Jonathan Edwards
 Wera Hobhouse
 Hywel Williams
 Liz Saville Roberts
 Ben Lake

Mohammad Yasin
 Margaret Ferrier

Valerie Vaz
 Mick Whitley

Joanna Cherry

That this House notes that Huntington's Disease is a rare, hereditary and incurable neurological condition that slowly robs patients of their ability to walk, talk, eat, drink, make decisions and care for themselves; notes that a University of Aberdeen study, published in the Journal of Neurology, highlights that the number of Huntington's Disease cases in northern Scotland has increased by almost 50 per cent over the last 30 years and understands that there are likely to have been similar increases throughout the rest of the United Kingdom; further notes that the Scottish Huntington's Association, the Huntington's Disease Association of Northern Ireland and the Huntington's Disease Association England and Wales have confirmed that Huntington's Disease specialist staff are stretched to the limit, having had to deal with a rising number of cases without a commensurate increase in resources, with some areas having no specialist services at all; notes the often intolerable burden placed upon those caring for loved ones with Huntington's Disease; and calls on health and social care providers throughout the UK to expand specialist Huntington's Disease services and access to mental health and other essential support in order to help those living with Huntington's Disease and their families in the community.

73 Use of Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil

Tabled: 18/05/22 Signatories: 2

Mr Barry Sheerman
Jonathan Edwards

That this House recognises the harm that poor air quality has on the health of everyone in the United Kingdom; notes the Government's target to reach net zero emissions by 2050; further notes the importance of evidence-based policy in achieving this target; understands that Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) fuel can reduce carbon emissions on heavy goods vehicles by an average of 90%; notes with concern that HVO is not being adopted more widely and that HVO fuel has a more expensive pump price than diesel fuel; suggests that the Treasury should implement an HVO rebate scheme to increase the usage of HVO fuel; further notes that this would mollify the pressure on consumer struggling with high costs for fuel and have a significant positive impact on our environment.

74 World's first tidal turbine blade testing facility

Tabled: 18/05/22 Signatories: 2

Douglas Chapman
Jonathan Edwards

That this House notes the world's first testing facility for tidal turbine blades has opened in Rosyth; further notes that in less than three months the FastBlade facility will be able to simulate the stresses placed on a turbine blade over two decades of use; recognises this will allow for the design of turbine blades to be significantly enhanced by making them more durable and efficient; anticipates this development will accelerate advances in tidal energy technology and Scotland's journey to net zero; and praises staff from the University of Edinburgh, Babcock, and other organisations involved in this initiative.

75 Changes to Universal Credit

Tabled: 18/05/22 Signatories: 3

Chris Stephens
Jonathan Edwards
Apsana Begum

This House notes that Universal Credit payments are not keeping pace with rising living costs; notes that deductions taken from those payments, for example to repay advances, leave households on low incomes struggling to afford food and other essentials; recognises the action taken by the Department for Work and Pensions in 2021 to extend the repayment period for Advances from 12 to 24 months and to reduce the maximum rate of deductions from 30% of the standard allowance to 25%; and calls on the Department to immediately take further action by reducing the maximum rate to 10% again, in recognition of the fact that deductions are taken from benefits already set at subsistence levels.

76 Jallianwala Bagh Massacre

Tabled: 18/05/22 Signatories: 3

Mr Virendra Sharma
Jonathan Edwards
Mohammad Yasin

That this House recognises the importance of the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre of 1919 for its importance as a turning point in the history of the Raj and British Empire in India; notes that the centenary of this event passed without a commitment to a public apology; further recognises that former Prime Minister, David Cameron, referred to the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre as a deeply shameful act; further notes that this event does not represent modern British values; urges the Government to ensure that British children are taught about this shameful period and that modern British values welcome the right to peaceful protest; and further urges the Government formally to apologise in the House and inaugurate a memorial day to commemorate this event.

77 Killing of Palestinian-American reporter Shireen Abu Aqla

Tabled: 18/05/22 Signatories: 3

Mr Alistair Carmichael
Caroline Lucas
Jonathan Edwards

That this House condemns unreservedly the killing of Palestinian-American Al Jazeera reporter Shireen Abu Aqla in the Jenin refugee camp while reporting on a raid by Israeli forces; notes that last year UNESCO recorded fifty-five deaths of journalists while working; recognises that Shireen was an experienced and popular journalist across the Middle East and in Palestine in particular and that her loss will be deeply felt by colleagues and others across the region; notes that Al Jazeera producer Ali Samoudi was also injured in the shooting; calls on the UK Government to make representations to the Government of Israel to allow an independent investigation into the shooting so that those responsible can be held to account; and condemns further the violence inflicted on mourners at the funeral of Shireen Abu Aqla, described by the leaders of fifteen Christian denominations as a violent intrusion by Israeli police.

78 Implementation of the Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review recommendations

Tabled: 18/05/22 Signatories: 6

Cat Smith
Ben Lake
Apsana Begum
David Linden
Claire Hanna
Tim Farron

That this House notes that sodium valproate can cause serious problems in a developing baby; further notes that 10 percent of babies whose mothers take sodium valproate during pregnancy are at risk of having a birth defect, and up to 40 percent have problems with development and learning as they grow; welcomes the July 2020 Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review; and calls on the Government to implement its recommendations in full, including paying compensation to people disabled by sodium valproate.