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## Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 3 September 2020

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### New EDMs

#### 833 Remembering Featherstone Massacre 1893

Tabled: 3/09/20 Signatories: 1

**Jon Trickett**

That this House remembers the atrocities which took place in Featherstone, West Yorkshire on 7th September 1893; notes with sadness the 6 injured and two killed, named James Gibb, 22, and James Duggan, 25, after the army was ordered to fire shots into a crowd of miners and their families, who were fighting against a 25% cut in pay which would have plunged so many into poverty, whilst the coal owners tried to squeeze out more profits; highlights that the historic struggle for workers' rights and fair pay is part of the rich tapestry of British working class history; and this House seeks to continue to learn the lessons of imposing poverty pay, unfair working conditions and even violence on working communities, especially in light of the recent covid-19 pandemic.

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#### 834 Protection of retail workers

Tabled: 3/09/20 Signatories: 1

**Robert Halfon**

That this House recognises the need to protect our retail workers; further recognises that retail workers are too often subjected to abuse, threat and assault; acknowledges the difficulties of hardworking retail employees such as residents in the constituency of Harlow, who have faced this behaviour; notes that retail workers have faced significant health risks during the coronavirus pandemic; praises the service that retail workers have provided throughout the current crisis; and calls upon the Government to introduce legislation that makes it a punishable offence to abuse, threaten or assault a retail worker.

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**835 West Midlands Gigafactory**Tabled: **3/09/20** Signatories: **1****Liam Byrne**

That this House notes that the West Midlands was the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution; notes that our country must now lead the Green Industrial Revolution; further notes that the West Midlands is a global centre of battery technology for Electric Vehicles, and is already home to the UK Battery Industrialisation Centre in Coventry; recognises that our future leadership in this industry requires in the West Midlands the creation of a Gigafactory; and calls on the Government to take immediate steps to outline the next stages of building a world leading plant, along with a timetable for action and the investment envelope the UK Government is prepared to make available.

**836 Merchant Navy Day 2020**Tabled: **3/09/20** Signatories: **1****Mr Alistair Carmichael**

That this House recognises Merchant Navy Day 2020; honours the men and women who support UK supply lines, responsible for more than 90% of the UK's imports, including almost half the food we eat, much of the fuel we use, and virtually all the products and goods we tend to take for granted; notes that in 2019 an estimated 22,440 UK seafarers were active at sea; highlights the merchant navy's longstanding and proud connection to island and coastal communities; notes that merchant navy sailors and officers play a vital role in our economy which has been amplified during the current crisis; further notes that the global economy and the financial recovery after the pandemic relies on maritime trade, for food, fuel, medicines and other essential goods; and calls on the government to do all it can to support seafarers who have had to face extended hardship this year separated from their families, and for the UK to lead the way in international cooperation for seafarer welfare.

**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.

**722 Government support for asylum seekers**Tabled: **14/07/20** Signatories: **14**

**Hywel Williams**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Ben Lake**

John Cryer

That this House is concerned about the current provisions provided by the Home Office to support those seeking asylum throughout the pandemic; asks the Government to review the current claiming system and modify it to allow for an asylum claim to be made remotely; demands that the financial support provided by the Government is increased by at least £20 per week to reflect the emergency changes made to the standard rate of universal credit and the increasing prices for essential goods; calls on the Government to review the current accommodation provided to asylum

seekers to ensure that all accommodation allows for social distancing and self-isolation to align with the guidance given by the Department for Health and Social Care; and further calls on the Government to provide sufficient cleaning and personal hygiene supplies to prevent the spread of the virus in any shared accommodation.

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### 797 Reinstatement of IKEA shop steward Richie Venton

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 25

**Chris Stephens**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Gavin Newlands**  
**Ronnie Cowan**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Grahame Morris**

Deidre Brock  
 Patricia Gibson

Stewart Malcolm McDonald  
 Mike Hill

Allan Dorans  
 Stephen Farry

That this House condemns the sacking of IKEA Glasgow USDAW Shop Steward and convenor Richie Venton for carrying out his duties as an elected workers' representative who sought to prevent hardship, while protecting workers' health during the ongoing covid-19 pandemic; notes Mr Venton opposed IKEA's plans to remove wages from workers self-isolating as a result of covid-19; further notes employees excluded from IKEA's sick benefit had to live on £95 statutory sick pay; is concerned that Mr Venton's efforts to raise with management his concerns that financial hardship could force employees to make the incorrect decision to come into workplace while unwell, potentially spreading the virus, were ignored; opposes any attempts by IKEA to change the terms in conditions in employees' contracts which would reduce worker's rights, including efforts to limit sick benefit entitlement; urges IKEA to give consideration to the suggestion of an average wage; and demands that IKEA immediately reinstate life-long trade unionist, and campaigner for worker's rights, Richie Venton to his role within their organisation and his elected union position.

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### 798 G53 Together's Response to covid-19

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 4

**Chris Stephens**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Mike Hill**

That this House commends G53 Together, in Glasgow, for their inspiring work during the covid-19 outbreak, supporting families and children in the community with their local foodbank, the delivery of emergency food provisions, a shopping service, prescription pick up, activities for children and business and welfare support; appreciates the support given to people living locally including the delivery of food parcels to people shielding, those with higher risk medical need and other vulnerable groups locally including people on low incomes who could not attend supermarkets; praises the organisation for their efforts to lift people's spirits and to bring a little community cheer to try to tackle loneliness during a difficult lockdown period; and thanks everyone involved with the project including volunteers who gave up their time to support the most at need in their community.

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**799 Ridgeway Dairy free packed lunch project during the covid-19 outbreak**

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 6

**Chris Stephens**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Mike Hill**  
**Chris Law**

That this House commends Ridgeway Dairy, in Drumoyne, in Glasgow, for their inspiring work during the covid-19 outbreak supporting families and children in the community with their free packed lunch project; notes the packed lunches, which Ridgeway had been providing since the start of lockdown in April, included a fresh filled roll, a yoghurt, a piece of fruit, a packet of crisps and a chocolate bar; further notes that Ridgeway Dairy went from providing around 300 free packed lunches in April, to over 1,500 in June; praises the efforts of owner Jim Creaney and all involved with this project, including Lisa Devlin from the Drumoyne Community Council, for their collaborative efforts to tackle food insecurity in Drumoyne during the covid-19 outbreak; welcomes funding from Feeding Britain amongst others which helped to secure the substantiality and delivery of the project in Drumoyne; and thanks everyone involved with the project including volunteers who gave up their time to support the most in need in their community.

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**800 Govan Help's response to covid-19**

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 7

**Chris Stephens**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Mike Hill**

Chris Law

That this House commends Govan Help from Govan, in Glasgow, for their inspiring work during the covid-19 outbreak supporting families and children in the community with their foodbank; appreciates the support given to people living locally including the delivery of food parcels to people shielding, people with higher risk medical need and other vulnerable groups including people on low incomes who could not attend supermarkets; praises the organisation for their efforts to lift people's spirits and to bring a little cheer to try tackle loneliness during a difficult lockdown period; welcomes the award of crucial funding from Feeding Britain to support Govan Help's covid-19 response; and thanks everyone involved with the project including volunteers who gave up their time to support the most in need in their community.

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**801 Govan Youth Information Project covid-19 food provision project**

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 6

**Chris Stephens**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Mike Hill**  
**Chris Law**

That this House commends Govan Youth Information Project (GYIP), in Glasgow, for their inspiring work during the covid-19 outbreak supporting families and children in the community with their food provision project; notes that GYIP received a grant from the local authority to deliver a Holiday Food Programme, however quickly adapted the project after their spring programme had to be cancelled as a result of the covid-19 outbreak; recognises the huge efforts by all involved to establish and deliver the 14 week, 5-days a week, food provision programme in Govan at short notice; praises the collaborative working between Govan Housing Association, the Salvation Army, Unlock Employment, Make Do and Grow and other local organisations and volunteers which helped make the project a massive success by drawing on their individual strengths and resources to meet the needs of the community of Govan; welcomes all funding that was given to support the project including from Feeding Britain and Glasgow City Council; and thanks everyone involved with the project including volunteers who gave up their time to support the most in need in their community.

**802 Roadchef Employee Benefit Trust**

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 6

**Neil Gray**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Chris Law**

That this House deplores the failure to date of HMRC to propose a resolution to the dispute with the Roadchef Employee Benefits Trust; notes that Honourable Members and Ministers have been informed by HMRC that they are seeking a resolution but regrets HMRC's considerable delay in proposing a resolution, further notes that the scandal affecting over 4000 mainly low paid catering and cleaning staff working at Roadchef Motorway Services including Norton Cranes, Taunton Dene, Tibshelf, Sandbach, Clacket Lane, Strensham, Rownhams, Killington Lake, Pont Abraham, Annandale Water and Harthill has been ongoing for over 30 years; is saddened to note the recent death of Tim Warwick the Company Secretary who exposed the Roadchef share scandal perpetrated by former Chief Executive Tim Ingram Hill; notes that other beneficiaries have also died waiting for HMRC to decide what tax, if any, they and the Trust should be liable for despite Parliament's intention that such employee benefits schemes should be tax free; calls on the Chief Executive of HMRC to meet with the Trust with proposals to resolve this matter urgently; and calls on the Government to propose legislation to protect participants of employee benefit schemes from the unscrupulous actions of trustees as occurred in the Roadchef case.

**803 Anniversary of the murder of Lord Mountbattan and Warrenpoint  
Massacre**

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 6

**Jim Shannon**  
**Paul Girvan**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**  
**Mr Gregory Campbell**

That this House remembers with great sadness the murder of Lord Mountbatten, his grandson Nicholas, Lady Doreen Brabourne and local 15 year old Paul Maxwell and further the slaughter of 18 British Army Soldiers at an ambush at Warrenpoint on 27th of August 1979; extends our sincere sympathy to her Majesty the Queen and all of the families of those murdered on that dreadful day; points again to the necessity of the Victims pension for those who were not war criminals but innocent bystanders of war crimes perpetrated against them; and continues to assert that the truth of horrific acts of terrorism and savagery carried out by any terrorist during The Troubles will not be whitewashed by a narrative which seeks to glorify as necessary the wilful, calculated and evil murder of children, men and women in Northern Ireland.

**804 50 years since the deaths of Samuel Donaldson and Roy Millar**

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 6

**Jim Shannon**  
**Paul Girvan**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**  
**Mr Gregory Campbell**

That this House remembers with deep sadness the murder of RUC Constables Samuel Donaldson and Roy Millar following a car bomb in South Armagh on 11 August 1970 as the first of many evil murders during the Provisional IRA Terrorist Campaign; extends heartfelt and sincere sympathy to their families who still feel the pain and loss 50 years later; notes that those who joined the RUC did not simply choose a job, but chose to face physical danger daily, made the choice to go to a job where they knew they were targeted and even their family may be targeted and chose to endure unimaginable mental torment which continues to this very day as they see themselves and their colleagues who paid the ultimate sacrifice vilified; and places on record once more deep and abiding thanks to every man and women from all communities who donned the RUC uniform and simply did the right thing, the honourable thing, the noble thing every day and who saved the lives of untold thousands in Northern Ireland through their bravery and dedication.

**805 Shannon's Box: a Scottish Throughcare and Aftercare Forum**

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 6

**Alan Brown**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Neil Gray**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Chris Law**

That this House congratulates Shannon Brown, creator of Shannon's Box, a Scottish Throughcare and Aftercare Forum (Staf) project, delivered in association with East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership; notes the initiative has been named as a finalist for the Pioneering Project Award at the SCVO Scottish Charity Awards; commends Shannon for using her personal experience of care to create a box of items to support children entering the care system; notes that the box contains various comfort items, such as a soft toy, colouring pens and a nightlight, as well as a letter from Shannon; and wishes the Shannon's Box project the best of luck for the finals, and hopes that it will continue to support care-experienced young people in East Ayrshire and beyond for many years to come and notes that the best initiatives often come from those with lived experience.

**806 Remembering Denny Oliver**

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 7

**David Linden**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Brendan O'Hara**

Chris Law

That this House celebrates the life and legacy of Mr Denny Oliver who sadly passed away at home on 11 July 2020 at the age of 68; acknowledges the huge contribution that he made to the Glasgow music scene as guitarist and vocalist of Glasgow band Scheme; notes that he is considered to be a local musical legend as a key part of the first ever unsigned band to sell out Glasgow's Apollo Theatre; praises the enormous contribution that Mr Oliver made to Easterhouse and to the city of Glasgow in general, in particular through his considerable charitable work; acknowledges his role in nurturing the musical talents of younger people through guitar lessons and song writing workshops; and commends the work of his friends and family following his passing to ensure that his life and legacy are remembered and celebrated.

**810 Points of Light Award for South Lanarkshire's Mr T**

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 6

**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Angela Crawley**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Chris Law**

That this House recognises that Tuoyo Ayiku, known affectionately as South Lanarkshire's Mr T, has been nominated by the Prime Minister for a Points of Light Award; notes that Mr T currently runs the Heart in the Community Café, based in Cambuslang, and Heart of Africa UK charity, based

in Larkhall; understands that, during lockdown, Mr T and his team of volunteers have delivered over 5,000 delicious meals to vulnerable people, including African stews, curries, rainbow fried rice, jerk chicken and mince and tatties; further understands that the Heart in the Community Café takes an inclusive approach to food provision, by operating a pay-what-you-can box and offering meals for foodbank vouchers; believes that Mr T's determination to support those in most need in communities across South Lanarkshire and his commitment to supporting the most disadvantaged members of society make him a worthy recipient of the Points of Light Award; and congratulates Mr T on becoming the 1439th Point of Light and wishes him and his team of volunteers every success for the future.

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### 811 Remembering veteran Jack Connor

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 4

**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Chris Law**

That this House notes that August 2020 marks 75 years since the end of World War II and VJ Day; understands that many people from Rutherglen and Hamilton West served during the final phase of the war against Japan, including Ruglonian Jack Connor who served as a gunner in the 17th Indian Division; further understands that Jack was awarded the Burma Star, the 1939-1945 Star and the Defence Medal for his heroic efforts in fighting Japanese forces in Burma and for protecting India; and pays tribute to Jack and his comrades in the so-called Forgotten Army for their service and for their bravery in fighting and defeating fascism.

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### 812 Trinity High School in Rutherglen

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 4

**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Chris Law**

That this House notes that Trinity High School in Rutherglen has received the Marjorie Boxall Quality Mark Award for the second time running; understands that Trinity High School has received this award for its work establishing a Nurture base, which provides support for pupils' emotional development and wellbeing, helping them to face the challenges life brings with a positive mental attitude; further understands that Trinity High School is the first school in the UK to receive this award for the second time in a row; believes that this award demonstrates the importance that South Lanarkshire schools place on ensuring their pupils are well-rounded individuals, especially during the challenging circumstances created by covid-19; and congratulates head teacher Peter Bollen, the pupils and staff of Trinity High School on receiving this prestigious award and wishes them every success for the future.

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**813 Abolition of the House of Lords**

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 7

**Patricia Gibson**  
**Ronnie Cowan**  
**Neil Gray**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Brendan O'Hara**

Chris Law

That this House is alarmed by the latest 36 appointees to the House of Lords, which once again highlights the archaic nature of the British political system; notes that recent appointees is comprised of the usual mix of nepotism, cronyism, government party donors and failed politicians being awarded a place for life in this undemocratic and unaccountable legislative chamber; is concerned that the House of Lords is the largest parliamentary chamber in any democracy, surpassed in size only by China's National People's Congress with its 2987 members; is disturbed that the House of Lords is the only institution in the world – save for Iran, which styles its form of government as an Islamic republic - with reserved places for members of the clergy, with the Church of England represented in the House of Lords by 26 Bishops which, in order of seniority, together form the Lords Spiritual; further notes academic analysis indicating that, statistically the relationship between donations and nominations for peerages has been found to be significant; further notes that 92 hereditary peers occupy seats solely due to being born into the right family; is concerned that in 2016/17, 115 peers claimed £1.3 million in expenses between them without uttering a single word in the Lords; and realises that this bizarre mix of failed politicians, cronies, donors, bishops and aristocrats, is utterly unrepresentative of the people over whose lives they preside, making decisions and casting votes on important issues, and are unaccountable and devoid of any democratic legitimacy.

**816 VAT on sunscreen**

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 12

**Patricia Gibson**  
**Stephen Farry**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Ronnie Cowan**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House calls 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 like skin cancer; understands that sunscreen is currently 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 UK 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.

**818 Supporting grieving families through a bereavement standard**

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 27

Grahame Morris  
 Rebecca Long Bailey  
 Andrew Gwynne  
 Apsana Begum  
 Jon Cruddas  
 Kate Hollern

Wera Hobhouse  
 John Nicolson  
 Mike Hill

Christine Jardine  
 Mr Alistair Carmichael  
 Layla Moran

Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
 Daisy Cooper

That this House calls on the Government to introduce a Bereavement Standard to simplify and streamline the process for grieving families to close accounts with service providers following the death of a loved one; believes the lack of such a standard has created a complex array of arrangements with each service provider requiring different levels of information to close accounts; notes that it can often take weeks, months, and in the worst cases years to close down accounts prolonging the pain and suffering for a family in mourning; further notes that the four simple campaign aims would support families as well as streamlining the process and providing a level playing field for business by introducing standardised paperwork to close an account, accepting digital death certificates, wills and proof of beneficiary status where possible, dedicated bereavement customer care channels (email, chat, webforms) to avoid long call waiting times, an agreed timeframe for companies to respond and settle accounts, and agreed bereavement customer service behaviours supported by adequate training; and urges the Government to work immediately with industry to introduce a Bereavement Standard to support grieving families, many of whom have been impacted recently by COVID-19, through one of the most difficult times in their lives.

**824 Support Local**

Tabled: 2/09/20 Signatories: 3

Drew Hendry  
 Jim Shannon  
 Chris Law

That this House welcomes the news that businesses in Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey are adapting a new normal following one of the toughest trading periods they've ever had to face; recognises that progress made is fragile and in doing so thanks communities across Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey for their continued vigilance in following the guidelines and for supporting local businesses through these difficult times; and finally, encourages everyone to continue supporting local where they can.

**825 Laggan Coffee Bothy and Gallery success**

Tabled: 2/09/20 Signatories: 3

Drew Hendry  
 Jim Shannon  
 Chris Law

That this House congratulates the Laggan Coffee Bothy and Gallery on recently being awarded a Tripadvisor 2020 Traveller's Choice Award; recognises the excellent service on offer to locals and tourists alike, notes that this award is given to businesses based on reviews, ratings and saves from

travellers everywhere and is awarded to the top 10 per cent of restaurants in the world; and finally, wishes them continued success for the future.

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### 826 Liz MacMillan's face masks for the community

Tabled: 2/09/20 Signatories: 3

**Drew Hendry**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**

That this House thanks all those who gave their time and energy to make protective face masks for their community during the ongoing pandemic; highlights that Liz MacMillan of Kiltarlity made over 600 face masks to give away to neighbours; and finally, thanks Liz, and the many others, for their generosity and community spirit.

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### 827 Incredible Edible Inverness

Tabled: 2/09/20 Signatories: 3

**Drew Hendry**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**

That this House welcomes Incredible Edible Inverness and their initiative to grow vegetables and herbs in some of Inverness's public planters and unloved plots of land; notes that they launched in order to meet demand for locally grown foods and to improve otherwise often overlooked areas; and finally, wishes them continued success for the future.

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### 829 Cuts to education funding

Tabled: 2/09/20 Signatories: 4

**Jon Trickett**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**

That this House recognises the campaigning work of Eleanor Falshaw, Joseph Stevens and Ben Taylor, three young people from the Hemsworth constituency, who have been raising awareness about the impact of education cuts; notes the significance of the figures they have uncovered which reveal that social mobility in Hemsworth constituency is the 4th worst in the whole of England and 32nd worst for education, skills and training deprivation, demonstrating the impact of government cuts such as the £18.6m cut in education funding Wakefield District has received since 2010 equating to a loss of £390 per pupil; further notes that Hemsworth is the 111th most deprived constituency on the Index of Multiple Deprivations and yet, since 2010, Wakefield Council has lost £41.97million as a whole, equating to £407.61 per household; highlights that in addition to this, further education has suffered a 21% cut in funding since 2010, kicking away a vital lifeline for many students to get the education they need; notes that the Government's A-level, GCSE and BTEC fiasco has highlighted how education has been divided along class lines in our society; and therefore calls on the Government to invest properly in schools, post-16 education and youth services in communities with high levels of deprivation.

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**830 Ban on sample sachets**Tabled: **2/09/20** Signatories: **3**

**Ben Lake**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Sir Mike Penning**

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

**831 Protecting and valuing whistleblowers**Tabled: **2/09/20** Signatories: **3**

**Dr Philippa Whitford**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**

That this House recognises that the Public Interest Disclosure Act (1998) does not provide a sufficient degree of protection for employees who 'whistleblow' or raise concerns with their employers, whether in public service or private business, when they identify a risk to personal safety, the environment or of fraud, particularly when this results from a failure to observe pertinent, guidance, regulations or laws; believes that a replacement of the Act is necessary to ensure that employees are sufficiently protected so they have confidence to disclose their concerns; and further believes that an Independent Whistleblower Commission should be established, to set standards so that such concerns are thoroughly investigated and the findings acted on, whilst protecting 'whistleblowers' from recrimination or mistreatment.

**832 Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill**Tabled: **2/09/20** Signatories: **17**

**Caroline Lucas**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**Alan Brown**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Claire Hanna**

Jim Shannon  
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Hywel Williams  
 Rebecca Long Bailey

Daisy Cooper  
 Mick Whitley

That this House expresses profound alarm at the climate and ecological emergency, with wildfires raging in California, and ice sheets in Greenland and Antarctica melting in line with worst case scenario predictions for sea level rise according to a study by the University of Leeds and the Danish Meteorological Institute; acknowledges that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change states "rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society" are needed in order to limit global warming to 1.5°C; is concerned that the target of achieving net zero emissions by 2050 in the 2008 Climate Change Act has been overtaken by the accelerating crisis; welcomes the presentation of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill, formally known as the Climate and Ecology Bill; notes that it would ensure that the UK plays its fair and proper role in limiting

global temperatures to 1.5°C, by taking account of the UK's entire carbon footprint, including consumption emissions released overseas as a result of goods manufactured abroad for use in the UK; further notes that it would actively improve the natural world by protecting and restoring the UK's ecosystems, and ending the damage to nature caused by supply chains; highlights that the Bill establishes a Citizens' Assembly to recommend measures for inclusion in a new Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy; and calls on the Government to support the Bill to increase the ambition of the UK's climate legislation and demonstrate real climate leadership ahead of co-hosting the 26th UN Climate Change Conference in 2021.