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Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 15 September 2020

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New EDMs

888 Rural crime

Tabled: 15/09/20 Signatories: 2

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan

That this House notes that rural crime cost the UK £54 million in 2019, an increase of almost 9 per cent on the previous year according to the NFU which represents three quarters of farms and rural businesses; further notes the need for investment in security on farms; and calls on the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to consider a scheme which would improve security on the farm and prevent rural crime from making the difficult life of a farmer from being unnecessarily more stressful and difficult.

889 National Eczema Week

Tabled: 15/09/20 Signatories: 2

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan

That this House notes that it is National Eczema week starting on 16 September this year until 22 September; further notes the prevalence and the need for awareness of this disease to be highlighted with the mission to let the public know it is more common than a rash to ignore; underlines it has been estimated that up to 15 million people in the UK could be living with eczema with information showing that in 2015, GPs in England wrote about 27 million prescriptions for the topical agents used in the treatment of atopic dermatitis (eczema) at a cost of approximately £169 million; and recognises that early treatment can be effective and improve quality of life.

890 Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Tabled: 15/09/20 Signatories: 2

Alexander Stafford
Tim Farron

That this House welcomes and applauds that nothing stops a Macmillan Coffee Morning, not even coronavirus; acknowledges that cancer hasn't stopped during the pandemic where one in two people will be diagnosed in their lifetimes; recognises that Macmillan Cancer Support is currently campaigning to restore cancer care and treatment to prevent cancer from becoming the forgotten C in the coronavirus pandemic; notes the charity believes it is facing its hardest year in its 109-year existence, as it juggles delivery of its critical support for people with cancer from its famous nurses to its vital free helpline, alongside a significant drop in income due to fundraising events being cancelled; congratulates Macmillan Cancer Support who will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary of World's Biggest Coffee morning on Friday 25th September; understands that it is more important than ever to support this much loved annual event and calls on all members to raise a mug on social media this September to demonstrate support for the three million people living with cancer across the UK and show that they will not be forgotten within this crisis.

891 Kenyan land dispossession

Tabled: 15/09/20 Signatories: 3

Claudia Webbe
Ms Diane Abbott
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House stands in solidarity with the people of Kenya who are seeking redress for the theft of their lands under the British colonial Government, who handed some 500,000 acres to white settlers, and to British registered companies; recognises that over 100,000 Kipsigi and Talai people were forcibly removed from their ancestral lands in Kericho and Bomet Counties, the best farmland in Kenya, and many left to die of starvation in Gwassii, an arid area miles from their home; notes that similar ethnic cleansing forcibly removed over 50,000 Masai pastoralists in Laikipia County, so that they are now squatters on their own lands; recognises that this was a systematic and oppressive abuse of many ethnic groups in Kenya; urges the British Government to accept liability and issue a long-overdue apology for these historical injustices; expresses alarm that British registered companies, Unilever Ltd, James Finlay Tea, George Williamson Tea, Sotik Tea and Sotik Highlands Tea continue to occupy stolen lands, artificially fix the price of tea to deny local farmers a fair price, and exploit tea workers with appalling working conditions, substandard housing, with no investment in local schools and communities; supports the campaign of Kenyan people to rectify these historical injustices; and calls upon these ranches, the British Government and these five tea companies, to implement fully the 2019 ruling of the Kenya National Land Commission, and address the colonial and current day oppression and exploitation of Kenyan people.

892 Hunterston B nuclear power station

Tabled: 15/09/20 Signatories: 1

Patricia Gibson

That this House notes the announcement by EDF Energy that Hunterston B nuclear power station is set to begin decommissioning no later than January 2022, having been in operation since 1976; understands the site currently employs around 520 staff as well as 250 contractors, and contributes an estimated £54 million a year to the North Ayrshire economy; realises the pressing need to expand renewable energy production in Scotland in order to transition to becoming carbon neutral as well as the need to attract inward investment to North Ayrshire; recognises that EDF Renewables is already one of the UK's leading renewable energy companies, specialising in wind power, solar

and battery storage technology and hopes to see a continuation of the development of such technologies in North Ayrshire; is aware that the Hunterston site has huge potential with its highly skilled workforce who are well placed to deliver renewable energy production which would play an important role in helping Scotland meet its environmental responsibilities, while also delivering long-term sustainable economic growth for the local area; and calls on the Government to work alongside the Scottish Government and North Ayrshire Council to ensure that the site's potential is fully realised to continue to support jobs and investment in the local area in the future.

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.

681 Enforcement

Tabled: **6/07/20** Signatories: **18**

Keir Starmer
Mr David Lammy
Thangam Debbonaire
Karl Turner
Ms Lyn Brown
Mr Nicholas Brown

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Taking Control of Goods and Certification of Enforcement Agents (Amendment) (No. 2) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 (S.I., 2020, No. 614), dated 19 June 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 19 June 2020, be annulled.

773 Town and Country Planning

Tabled: **21/07/20** Signatories: **52**

Keir Starmer
Mike Amesbury
Steve Reed
Thangam Debbonaire
Kate Hollern
Mr Nicholas Brown

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that The Town and Country Planning (Permitted Development and Miscellaneous Amendments) (England) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 (S.I., 2020, No. 632), dated 23 June 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 24 June 2020, be annulled.

783 Town and Country PlanningTabled: **22/07/20** Signatories: **17**

Keir Starmer
Mike Amesbury
Steve Reed
Thangam Debbonaire
Kate Hollern
Mr Nicholas Brown

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2020 (S.I., 2020, No. 755), dated 20 July 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 21 July 2020, be annulled.

784 Town and Country PlanningTabled: **22/07/20** Signatories: **19**

Keir Starmer
Mike Amesbury
Steve Reed
Thangam Debbonaire
Kate Hollern
Mr Nicholas Brown

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2020 (S.I., 2020, No. 756), dated 20 July 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 21 July 2020, be annulled.

796 Season of Creation 2020Tabled: **1/09/20** Signatories: **10**

Patrick Grady
Jim Shannon
Neil Gray
Drew Hendry
Chris Stephens
Brendan O'Hara

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House notes that between 1 September and 4 October 2020, Christian communities around the world will mark the Season of Creation, a period of reflection and recommitment to tackling the challenges facing our common home, planet Earth; further notes that initiative was founded by Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I in 1989, and is now supported by Christian denominations worldwide, including the Conference of European Churches and the Council of Bishops' Conferences of Europe (CCEE); welcomes the call of faith leaders from these communities to reflect in particular on the impact of the pandemic, environmental devastation and the threat of climate change; notes that the 2020 season takes place within a special year-long celebration organised by the Catholic Church to mark the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter Laudato Si, which will promote the document as a moral and spiritual compass for the journey to create a more caring, fraternal, peaceful and sustainable world; and welcomes these initiatives as a sign of

collective determination to create a more harmonious relationship with the natural world, our common home.

809 Co-operative Insurance and MarkerStudy

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 7

Tony Lloyd
Paula Barker
Jim Shannon
Mick Whitley
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Stephens

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House notes the negotiations taking place between Co-operative Insurance and MarkerStudy, with a view to MarkerStudy taking over operations; further notes that the Co-operative Insurance workforce have served the company loyally, some over many years; is concerned that this takeover will result in 200 jobs disappearing; is equally concerned that MarkerStudy have made it clear that they will not recognise or engage with Trade Union representatives for the remaining 800 staff; reminds Co-operative Insurance of the moral and ethical base of the co-operative movement, which is just as important today as at any time in its history; calls on the Co-operative Insurance management to examine its moral compass and to review its decision to so disadvantage key stakeholders in the Co-operative Insurance business.

816 VAT on sunscreen

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 21

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

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

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.

829 Cuts to education fundingTabled: **2/09/20** Signatories: **7**

Jon Trickett
Ian Lavery
Jim Shannon
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Mick Whitley
David Linden

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

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.

830 Ban on sample sachetsTabled: **2/09/20** Signatories: **13**

Ben Lake
Jim Shannon
Sir Mike Penning
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards
Neale Hanvey

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

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.

833 Remembering Featherstone Massacre 1893

Tabled: 3/09/20 Signatories: 15

Jon Trickett
Paula Barker
Allan Dorans
Mick Whitley
Clive Lewis
Ian Lavery

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

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.

834 Protection of retail workers

Tabled: 3/09/20 Signatories: 18

Robert Halfon
Allan Dorans
Caroline Lucas
Jonathan Edwards
Dr Julian Lewis
Chris Stephens

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

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.

837 Poland anti-LGBTQ+ legislation

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 12

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Paula Barker
Claudia Webbe
Jonathan Edwards
Mick Whitley
Richard Burgon

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House condemns the anti-LGBTQ+ ideology promoted by Poland's recently re-elected President, Andrzej Duda; decries the rhetoric used by President Duda during his election campaign, and his first term of Presidency, which demonstrates homophobia promoted by the highest levels

of government in Poland; is concerned that this anti-LGBTQ+ attitude is also being reflected by the governments of Hungary and Russia, both of whom have recently passed legislation to suppress LGBTQ+ rights; and urgently calls on the Government to publicly condemn the Polish Government and their anti-LGBTQ+ attitudes, and other nations seen to display similar attitudes.

838 Recurring charges made by retailers

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 10

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Jim Shannon
Tahir Ali
Paula Barker
Claudia Webbe
Jonathan Edwards

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House notes that in recent years, the use of continuous payment authorities, subscription payments that enable the merchant to take payments from a customer's account on dates of their choosing and for different amounts without seeking further authorisation from them, has increased; notes that many people are left unaware that they have signed up to a continuous payment authority and have had recurring charges made to their bank accounts without their full knowledge; calls on the Government to introduce protections similar to the Direct Debit Guarantee for continuous payment authorities; and further calls on the Government to introduce more responsibility on the merchant to ensure customers are fully informed of what a continuous payment authority entails and that they are signing up to one.

839 Funding for charity medical research

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 13

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Jim Shannon
Tahir Ali
Paula Barker
Claudia Webbe
Kate Osborne

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House notes that charities play a vital role in funding medical research for many chronic conditions and life-threatening illnesses; further notes that the covid-19 outbreak has placed a financial strain on the charity sector which has seen a reduction in donations during the outbreak; acknowledges the importance of the Government's April 2020 announcement to increase funding for charities by £750 million to help save the charity sector; notes that this is not enough to sustain funding for vital research projects; recognises that it would be a great loss to the scientific community and to society if medical research must be postponed or cancelled due to insufficient funds; and urgently calls on the Government to introduce further financial support for the charity sector to protect medical research funded by charities.

846 Brain tumour awareness and research

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 19

Kirsten Oswald
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
Tahir Ali
Alyn Smith

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House calls for an increase in both awareness of and research into brain tumours; notes that this type of cancer presently receives less than 3 per cent of the UK's cancer research budget despite being the biggest cancer killer of children and adults under 40; specifically recognises the need to raise awareness of diffuse midline glioma, commonly known as DIPG, the second most common type of primary high-grade brain tumour found in British children; expresses concern that treatment for DIPG has been unchanged for almost 40 years, with only 10 per cent of children with DIPG surviving for more than 2 years following their diagnosis; understands that symptoms of DIPG include difficulty in speaking and walking, weakness of facial muscles, problems with eye movement, headaches, and nausea; welcomes the fantastic effort of Fiona Govan, whose e-petition to this parliament to generate more publicity for DIPG and to achieve further funding for a disease that presently has no cure has gained over 100,000 signatures; commends the valuable research and efforts of organisations such as the Brain Tumour Charity that is currently leading new drugs research to target, prevent, and treat DIPG; and urges the Government to increase funding dedicated to research into DIPG and to expand recognition and treatment of this distressing disease.

854 World Suicide Prevention Day

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 46

Owen Thompson
Jim Shannon
Margaret Ferrier
Jonathan Edwards
Richard Thomson
Kirsty Blackman

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House marks Thursday 10 September 2020 as World Suicide Prevention Day; notes with worry that suicide rates in the UK are increasing; further notes with extreme concern that suicide is the leading cause of death in young people in the UK, with young men and LGBT+ people being particularly affected; recognises that we all have a part to play in tackling the stigma that still exists around mental health by having open and honest conversations with our friends and family, by reminding others that they are not alone, and ultimately by looking out for each other; and commends all those who work in suicide prevention, including mental health services, third sector organisations and individual citizens in communities.

860 Employment practices on redundancy and rehiringTabled: **8/09/20** Signatories: **35**

Gavin Newlands
Grahame Morris
Chris Stephens
Sam Tarry
Drew Hendry
Kirsten Oswald

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Brendan O'Hara

Alyn Smith

That this House notes with alarm the growing number of employers, especially in the retail, hospitality and aviation sectors, who are making employees redundant before re-employing them on less-favourable terms and conditions; believes that these employers are cynically using the covid-19 crisis as cover to reduce staff costs at a time when they should instead be focused on supporting their employees through this pandemic; agrees with Unite the union and others that this fire-and-rehire practice makes a mockery of workers' rights and goes against the spirit, if not the letter, of UK employment legislation; and calls on the Government to close this legal loophole as a matter of urgency, for example by amending the Employment Rights Act 1996 to specify that such redundancies should automatically be regarded as unfair dismissals.

861 Universal Service ObligationTabled: **8/09/20** Signatories: **31**

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Zarah Sultana
Ms Diane Abbott
Apsana Begum
Claudia Webbe
Ian Lavery

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House recognises that the ongoing covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the severity of the digital divide prevalent in the UK; notes that part of the problem that exasperates the digital divide is slow or poor broadband connection; further notes that part of the solution to improving broadband is to upgrade or build a new network; notes with concern that the costs of building a new network is often high and furthers the digital divide as better network connection becomes reliant on available income; recognises that the Government's Universal Service Obligation offers an attempt to bridge the digital divide by upgrading broadband connection for eligible households and providing £3,400 worth of funding for upgrading infrastructure; notes that this funding is inadequate and that the costs of building a new network often far exceeds £3,400; calls on this Government to recognise the severity of the digital divide in the UK and provide further funding for households to build a new network to improve broadband speeds.

862 Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the death of Hardie & Baird of the 1820 Radicals

Tabled: 8/09/20 Signatories: 8

Kenny MacAskill
Joanna Cherry
Marion Fellows
Chris Stephens
John McDonnell
Patrick Grady

Chris Law

Brendan O'Hara

That this House commemorates the deaths of Andrew Hardie and John Baird, who died on 8 September 1820; recalls that they were the last people hanged and beheaded in the UK and were executed on charges of high treason; recognises the various events across Scotland that have been postponed due to the pandemic; and recalls the foresight of them, and of all the 1820 Radicals, in their campaign for democracy, universal suffrage and the rights of working people.

863 Post-Covid-19 support

Tabled: 8/09/20 Signatories: 27

Carol Monaghan
Andrew Gwynne
Clive Lewis
Jim Shannon
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Margaret Ferrier

John Nicolson

Mr Clive Betts

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House is concerned that many individuals who contracted covid-19 are continuing to be affected by the virus many months after their initial infection; notes that these post-viral symptoms can include: extreme fatigue, dizziness, severe headaches and muscular pain, inability to concentrate and post-exertional malaise; further notes that exercise can amplify these symptoms; recognises that many of these symptoms are familiar to those suffering from post-viral conditions, such as myalgic encephalomyelitis; calls on the Government to make a clear statement that increasing levels of exercise may have adverse long-term health effects for those recovering from covid-19; and urges the Government to make a statement on the financial support that will be made available for people who are currently unable to return to work as a result of post-Covid-19 symptoms.

864 Researching and supporting people with long Covid-19 symptoms

Tabled: 8/09/20 Signatories: 60

Andrew Gwynne
Layla Moran
Caroline Lucas
Tony Lloyd
Clive Lewis
Rosie Duffield

Chris Law

Mr Clive Betts

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House recognises that around 10 per cent of people experience prolonged illness after covid-19 and calls upon the Government to urgently collect and regularly report on the number

of those living with long covid by following up on those with confirmed or clinical diagnoses of covid-19; notes that research into the disease should encompass both those who were and were not hospitalised to understand the true scale of the morbidity of the virus; and calls on the Government to swiftly consider and implement measures to support those living with long covid, including offering information and incentives to employers to retain their recovering staff who may or may not have confirmed cases due to limitations in testing, and ensuring that the NHS can support patients in their longer term recovery.

868 10th anniversary of the papal visit

Tabled: 9/09/20 Signatories: 10

Mike Kane [R]
Mohammad Yasin
Patrick Grady
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Chris Stephens
John McDonnell

Valerie Vaz
 Sir David Amess

Brendan O'Hara

Alexander Stafford

That this House warmly recalls the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the UK between 16 and 19 September 2010; notes his address to parliamentarians in Westminster Hall where he reminded us that religion is not a problem for legislators to solve, but a vital contributor to the national conversation; recognises the important contribution of Catholic parishes, charities and schools to our communities; and sends its best wishes to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Pope Francis and the Catholic community across the entire UK on this important anniversary.

869 Casual Workers' Rights

Tabled: 10/09/20 Signatories: 13

Sir George Howarth
John McDonnell
Ian Lavery
Claudia Webbe
Mick Whitley
Chris Stephens

Jim Shannon

Richard Burgon

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House regrettably notes that casual workers' rights are wholly inadequate; further notes that zero-hours, rolling and other forms of insecure contracts have eroded job security and work-based entitlements to the extent that many people employed by such means are unable to buy or rent a home, afford utility costs or food; and calls on the Government to introduce legislative proposals to regulate insecure employment practices and institute rights for those employed by such means.

870 Opposing Lawfare in Latin America

Tabled: 10/09/20 Signatories: 12

Richard Burgon
Jeremy Corbyn
Ms Diane Abbott
Ian Lavery
Apsana Begum
Claudia Webbe

Jim Shannon

That this House is deeply concerned by the growing abuses of the legal system for political purposes in Latin America to exclude candidates from running in elections; notes that this practice known as lawfare was used to prevent Workers' Party leader Lula da Silva from standing in the last presidential election in Brazil, where he was favourite to win, with Jair Bolsonaro subsequently elected; condemns the recent use of lawfare against Rafael Correa in Ecuador that has ruled him out as a candidate for Vice President in the coming elections and the exclusion of Evo Morales as a candidate for the Bolivian Senate; believes free and fair elections in those countries would include those candidates; notes that such anti-democratic practices have targeted politicians opposed to unpopular neo-liberal policies; and further believes that the UK government should make clear its opposition to the use of lawfare.

871 Greencore

Tabled: 10/09/20 Signatories: 15

Dawn Butler
John McDonnell
Ian Lavery
Clive Lewis
Claudia Webbe
Mr Virendra Sharma

Jim Shannon

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House notes that the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Greencore) Regulations 2020 (921) require staff at the company, which makes M&S sandwiches, to self-isolate for 14 days, without compensating staff for loss of earnings either at Greencore or elsewhere; further notes that staff have either been on SSP or furlough payments below the national living wage; notes that the regulations also apply to their family members without compensation for their loss of earnings; further notes that these regulations have caused extreme hardship to many staff members and their families forcing them to turn to food banks; and also notes that the company has continued production despite the Secretary of State for Health deciding it should close; this House congratulates the Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Union on its actions in support of its members at the factory and calls on the Government to intervene to require Greencore to provide staff with 100 per cent pay during their period of self-isolation in accordance with SI 2020 /921.

872 Statutory sick pay (No. 2)

Tabled: 10/09/20 Signatories: 14

John McDonnell
Ian Lavery
Jeremy Corbyn
Claudia Webbe
Dr Philippa Whitford
Kate Osborne

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Richard Burgon

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House recognises that the covid-19 pandemic has highlighted that statutory sick pay (SSP) of £95.80 per week is not enough to live on, and that nearly two million low-paid part-time or zero hours workers are excluded from any sick pay at all; is gravely concerned that this situation puts them in the impossible situation of having to work while potentially unwell, thus putting their lives and those of their colleagues, customers and even patients at risk; recognises that many thousands of good employers already offer decent contractual sick pay arrangements for their workers, and believes they should not be undercut by bad employers who pass their responsibility onto taxpayers; recognises that the cost of failing to protect public health also causes severe economic damage; and supports the Don't Leave, Organise campaign in calling for Full Sick Pay Now via legislation to make it compulsory for all employers to provide six weeks of contractual sick pay at full pay, followed by an increased rate of statutory sick linked to the level of statutory maternity pay, with further steps to cover self-employed and zero hours workers.

873 The global wildlife trade and prevention of future zoonotic pandemics

Tabled: 10/09/20 Signatories: 3

Sir David Amess
Jonathan Edwards
Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House notes with concern the increased risks of future pandemics from the continued exploitation and commodification of wildlife in the global wildlife trade; further notes that zoonotic diseases are responsible for over two billion cases of human illness and over two million human deaths each year, that sixty percent of emerging infectious diseases are zoonotic and that seventy percent of these are thought to originate from wild animals; understands that the trade in wild animals is the likely cause for the emergence of the covid-19 pandemic and that the over-exploitation of wildlife has been identified as one of the dominant drivers of biodiversity loss; considers that this is not the first time that infectious zoonotic diseases have been linked to wild animals in recent years with SARS, Ebola and MERS all believed to have passed from wildlife to humans; and calls on the Government to show global leadership to ensure a pandemic like this never happens again by utilising the opportunity of the G20 meeting of world leaders in November to call for a ban of the international commercial trade in wild animals and wild animal products, and to work with other Governments, global institutions and bodies elsewhere to bring about an end to the global wildlife trade.

874 Weaponisation of water in Syria.Tabled: **10/09/20** Signatories: **12**

Lloyd Russell-Moyle
John McDonnell
John Spellar
Claudia Webbe
Dr Philippa Whitford
Mick Whitley

Jim Shannon

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House is deeply concerned that Turkey has shut down the Alouk Water Station which supplies water to 460000 civilians in an area of North East Syria known as the Autonomous Administration of North East Syria (AANES); notes that Turkish forces took over the Alouk Water Station in October during its so called Peace Spring Operation and has shut it down on three occasions since causing immense suffering; is seriously concerned about the fate of the local civilian population, the displaced people from other parts of Syria and the inmates of camps holding the families of ISIS prisoners from around the world; further notes that water supply should not be subject to political and military strategy; and calls on the Foreign Secretary to intervene with his Turkish counterpart as a matter of urgency in order to avert a large scale humanitarian disaster.

875 47th anniversary of the Chilean military coupTabled: **11/09/20** Signatories: **11**

Owen Thompson
Kenny MacAskill
Chris Stephens
Jonathan Edwards
Paula Barker
John McDonnell

Jim Shannon

Brendan O'Hara

Alyn Smith

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House notes that 11 September 2020 marks the 47th anniversary of the military coup d'état in Chile that overthrew the democratically elected Government of Salvador Allende and led to 17 years of military dictatorship; solemnly pays tribute to the more than 3,000 people murdered and 30,000 tortured in the coup's aftermath; condemns the actions of the Pinochet dictatorship and those successive UK Governments that supported it; further notes that democracy and peace must never be taken for granted; and vows to expel all violence and violent rhetoric from politics.

876 National Hygiene WeekTabled: **11/09/20** Signatories: **9**

Munira Wilson
Layla Moran
Liz Saville Roberts
Hywel Williams
Sarah Olney
Sir Mike Penning

Jim Shannon

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House notes that National Hygiene Week ran by The Hygiene Bank falls on the week beginning 14 September; highlights that one fifth of the UK population lives in poverty and that

the number is growing exponentially in 2020 due to the covid-19 outbreak; is concerned that people who are facing poverty are having to make difficult financial decisions between basic living costs such as rent, food and hygiene; further notes that people experiencing hygiene poverty are not able to access what they need to be clean, safe and well; commends the work of The Hygiene Bank, founded by Lizzy Hall, and volunteers all over the UK in raising awareness of hygiene poverty and taking action to tackle it; and urges the Government to take steps to solve hygiene poverty to restore people's dignity, self-confidence and mental wellbeing.

877 Honk for Hope Campaign

Tabled: 11/09/20 Signatories: 8

Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Dave Doogan
Chris Stephens
Jonathan Edwards

Jim Shannon

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House notes with concern the effect of the covid-19 outbreak on the coach industry; supports the aims of the Honk for Hope Campaign organised by Jenna Rush; is disappointed that the coach industry has been excluded from the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant fund; further notes the significant financial losses operators have endured throughout the covid-19 outbreak; recognises the invaluable contributions of the coach industry to the UK leisure and tourism sector; and calls on the Government to provide further financial support for the coach industry.

878 Auchengeich Mining Disaster

Tabled: 11/09/20 Signatories: 25

Steven Bonnar
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Stuart C McDonald
Dave Doogan
Allan Dorans
Kenny MacAskill

Kirsten Oswald
 John Nicolson

Jim Shannon
 Gavin Newlands

Kirsty Blackman
 Brendan O'Hara

That this House acknowledges that Friday 18 September 2020 is the 61st anniversary of the Auchengeich Mining disaster; respectfully remembers the 47 men who lost their lives after a fault with equipment caused a fire in the mine; further remembers that 41 women were widowed by this tragedy, and 67 children lost their father; expresses gratitude to the Auchengeich Memorial Committee for their commitment in continuing to commemorate the disaster by arranging a memorial service every year at the Auchengeich Memorial statue in Moodiesburn; notes with regret that the memorial service due to take place on Sunday 13 September 2020 has had to be cancelled but that a prayer and a blessing will be conducted after a wreath is laid by the Memorial Committee; and conveys its sympathies to the family and loved ones of the miners.

879 125th anniversary of Confederation of Indian Industry

Tabled: 14/09/20 Signatories: 3

Bob Blackman
Jim Shannon
Mr Virendra Sharma

That this House congratulates the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) as it marks its 125th year in shaping India's development journey; notes that this year, more than ever before, the CII will continue to proactively transform Indian industry's role in nation building not only in India but in the UK as well; thanks the CII for its role in representing Indian industry in the UK; recognises the huge contribution made by the 850 Indian companies in the UK by creating over 110,793 jobs and contributing £41.2 billion in revenue, noting the encouraging figures published in the India Meets Britain Tracker of CII and Grant Thornton; and urges the Governments of India and the UK to enter into a free trade agreement to encourage preferential economic partnership between the two countries.

880 Suspension of income requirements for family visas

Tabled: 14/09/20 Signatories: 14

Stuart C McDonald
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Deidre Brock
Margaret Ferrier
Richard Thomson

Owen Thompson
 Wera Hobhouse
 Alyn Smith

Kenny MacAskill
 Chris Stephens
 Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Brendan O'Hara
 Alan Brown

That this House notes that there are thousands of couples and families who are currently separated, or at imminent risk of becoming separated, due to restrictive income requirements for British nationals and settled residents wishing to be joined in the UK by a partner from outside the EEA; welcomes the Minister for Immigration's commitment of 23 March 2020 that no one will have a negative outcome through the immigration system due to a circumstance that was beyond their control; further notes that family separation would clearly constitute such a negative outcome; further welcomes that Minister's statement of 1 September 2020 that the circumstances brought about by the coronavirus pandemic are exceptional; notes with concern, however, that income requirements continue to be imposed on the sponsors of people applying to enter or remain in the UK with their British families despite those assurances; notes that guidance for caseworkers makes no mention of flexibility in the application of income requirements; is deeply troubled by the potential impact on those who must meet those income requirements of mass job losses caused by the coronavirus pandemic; and calls on the Government therefore to immediately suspend income requirements.

881 Commemoration of Martyrdom Day of Kashmiris

Tabled: 14/09/20 Signatories: 3

Bob Blackman
Jim Shannon
Mr Virendra Sharma

That this House commemorates with deep sadness the Martyrdom Day of Kashmiri Hindus on 14 September, those Hindus having lost their lives to cross-border Islamic Jihad who committed

atrocities on the population of Jammu and Kashmir, India; expresses its condolences to the families and friends of all those who were killed, raped and injured in that act of genocide; is concerned that the Kashmiris who fled to save life and limb have still not secured justice for those atrocities committed against them; commends the resilience and courage shown by the members of the Kashmiri Pandit community who survived that gruesome ethnic genocide; recognises the role of Panun Kashmir in campaigning for the rights of Hindus in Kashmir; and urges the Government of India to legislate a Genocide Crime Punishment Law in fulfilment of their international obligation by being a proposer and signatory to the UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

882 **BBC Scotland and daily covid-19 briefings**

Tabled: **14/09/20** Signatories: **6**

Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
John Nicolson
Stewart Hosie
Chris Stephens
Alyn Smith

That this House condemns the decision of BBC Scotland to stop broadcasting the Scottish Government's briefings on the covid-19 pandemic in Scotland; notes the consistent public interest in these briefings throughout this health crisis; is bewildered by the timing of this decision given that this is now a critical point when the public needs to be kept fully and speedily informed of any changes in public health advice as covid-19 cases begin to rise again; questions the BBC's status as a public service broadcaster in the light of this decision given that these televised covid-19 updates are particularly valuable to older people, those with hearing difficulties and those who are not always able to access online information; is not aware that medical experts were consulted on the efficacy of this decision and the implications it potentially poses for public health; is concerned that this decision was made following pressure from both the Conservative and Labour parties; and is aware that many have questioned the political neutrality of this BBC decision given that the new BBC director general is a former Conservative party councillor.

883 **19th anniversary of the arrest and disappearance of Aster Fissehatsion**

Tabled: **14/09/20** Signatories: **3**

Carol Monaghan
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens

That this House notes that 18 September 2020 marks the 19th anniversary of the arrest and disappearance of Aster Fissehatsion and 10 other political leaders following their demands that Eritrea's constitution be implemented and that elections be held; condemns the ending of media freedom a few days later with the closure of all non-Government newspapers and the arrest and disappearance of Dawit Isaak, Seyoum Tsehaye and nine other journalists; urges the UK Government and international institutions to press the Government of Eritrea to release those prisoners who are still alive and to advise the families of those who are deceased; and calls for recognition of the thousands of other Eritreans who have been arrested and disappeared during the past 19 years.

884 Centrica

Tabled: 14/09/20 Signatories: 23

John Cryer
 Chris Stephens
 Dawn Butler
 Neil Coyle
 John McDonnell
 Judith Cummins

Jim Shannon
 Claudia Webbe
 Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Jonathan Edwards
 Mick Whitley

Jon Trickett
 Richard Burgon

That this House recognises the constructive approach taken by GMB Union and Unison in negotiations around their members' pay and conditions with British Gas and its parent company Centrica; condemns the tactics employed by that company in commencing those negotiations with threats to dismiss and re-engage its UK workforce on lesser terms; commends British Gas workers who while furloughed during the covid-19 outbreak voluntarily delivered thousands of food parcels with the Trussell Trust; and calls on the company to do the right thing, withdraw the Section 188 notice of potential redundancies and negotiate in good faith with workers' unions.

885 Opening of the Parkhead Pantry

Tabled: 14/09/20 Signatories: 5

David Linden
 Kirsten Oswald
 Jim Shannon
 Jonathan Edwards
 Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Parkhead Pantry on its opening; expresses best wishes to that volunteer-run co-operative local Pantry which provides low-cost food items to its members; and notes that the opening of the Parkhead Pantry means the regeneration of the previously derelict Parkhead public school drill hall.

886 Heartstone project in Glasgow North

Tabled: 14/09/20 Signatories: 8

Patrick Grady
 Drew Hendry
 Kirsten Oswald
 Jim Shannon
 Jonathan Edwards
 John Nicolson

Chris Stephens

Alyn Smith

That this House welcomes the efforts of Heartstone a non-profit project helping to educate young people on issues of racism and xenophobia; notes that Heartstone has been working for over 35 years to challenge prejudice and intolerance most recently through its publishing of Heartstone Odyssey, a trilogy of children's fantasy books addressing issues of race and gender; recognises Heartstone's commitment to tackling bullying and hate crime, the results of which were presented in an event in the Palace of Westminster in 2016; welcomes Heartstone's latest project launching in Glasgow North this year; encourages local businesses and organisations to support Heartstone

in reaching its fundraising target; and wishes Heartstone every success in growing the Heartstone project in the future.

887 Gas Safety week

Tabled: **14/09/20** Signatories: **6**

Mr Barry Sheerman
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Stephens
John McNally
Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House welcomes the 10th Annual Gas Safety Week, running from 14 to 20 September 2020; recognises the importance that this awareness campaign, organised by the Gas Safe Register, plays in highlighting the importance of gas safety to the public; notes the devastating ripple effect that a gas incident, including death from carbon monoxide poisoning, can have on families and communities; further recognises the importance of having gas appliances regularly serviced by a Gas Safe registered engineer, particularly during the covid-19 outbreak given the significantly increased periods of time people are spending in the home; and urges all organisations involved in energy and gas provision to support Gas Safety Week and ensure their customers receive the required information to stay gas safe as we approach the winter heating season.