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New EDMs

899 Phoenix Cup (No. 2)

Tabled: 21/09/20 Signatories: 1

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House celebrates the 25th and 26th Phoenix Cups which are currently being held in Scotland; notes that the Phoenix Cup provides a fantastic platform for sport for people with disabilities; congratulates Scottish Disability Golf and Curling for planning this important event in the face of huge logistical challenges posed by the pandemic; and wishes the best of luck to participants.

900 Moria Refugee Camp in Greece

Tabled: 21/09/20 Signatories: 1

Hywel Williams

That this House expresses deep concern at the ongoing crisis in the Moria Refugee Camp in Greece; notes with alarm that the Greek authorities are struggling to move thousands of migrants to safety after the overpopulated refugee camp burned down; is distressed that an estimated 13,000 people were left without access to clean water, food, shelter and proper sanitation; is disturbed by the news that during the operational move, the NGO Médecins Sans Frontières were denied access to its new clinic in Lesbos for several hours by the Greek police, leaving thousands of refugees without the necessary medical aid that they need to survive; is appalled by the living conditions that migrants in the Moria Camp have had to endure for years; emphasises that refugee camps must meet basic living requirements that ensure the safety and security of the inhabitants; and calls on the UK Government to work with European partners to find a solution to this issue; and further calls on the Government to grant asylum to the most vulnerable migrants that are still trapped in Moria Camp.

901 Loch Ness hubTabled: **21/09/20** Signatories: **1****Drew Hendry**

That this House welcomes the news that the Loch Ness Hub in Drumnadrochit will be used as a Community Transport Hub, tours and ticket sales office, baggage transfer base, tourist information hub and will promote local business, and things to do in the area; recognises that they are a community benefit company, which will put profits from its operations back into the community; notes that they have launched a community share offer, to allow the local community to invest in what matters to them; and finally, wishes them continued success for the future.

902 Ukrainian Miners' StrikeTabled: **21/09/20** Signatories: **1****John McDonnell**

That this House notes that iron ore miners in Ukraine have been on strike since 3 September 2020 at the mines of KZRK in the city of Kryvyi Rih, salutes the courageous protests including an underground sit in, against unacceptable working conditions, low wages, authoritarian management, a lack of necessary tools, and attacks on retirement rights; notes that the Kryvyi Rih City Council has appealed to the President to assist the miners and resolve the dispute; condemns intimidation of the families of union leaders and the use of the security service the SBU against the mineworkers; recognising the iron ore market currently enjoys high profitability; and calls on the employers linked to the oligarchs Ihor Kolomoisky and Rinat Akhmetov, to recognise the miners just demands and settle the dispute.

903 Planning for health and wellbeingTabled: **21/09/20** Signatories: **2****Caroline Lucas****Hilary Benn**

That this House is concerned about the low quality of new homes and places that are being created; recognises the overwhelming evidence of the link between people's mental and physical health and the quality of their homes and neighbourhoods, including access to nature; further notes the number of new homes which lack decent space and natural light and that many homes do not provide walkable access to green space; is further concerned that the Planning White Paper reduces democratic accountability, significantly reduces the number of affordable homes delivered overall but particularly in rural areas, and gives developers too much power over local decisions; and calls on the Government to put democracy, affordability, people's health and wellbeing, and a right to access to nature for all at heart of the planning reform process

904 Policing of the 1984-85 Miners' Strike

Tabled: 21/09/20 Signatories: 15

Ian Lavery
 Ian Mearns
 Apsana Begum
 Ms Diane Abbott
 Jeremy Corbyn
 Mick Whitley

John McDonnell
 Claudia Webbe
 Paula Barker

Ian Byrne
 Richard Burgon
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Zarah Sultana
 Kate Osborne
 Grahame Morris

That this House welcomes the proposals made by an independent review established by the Scottish Government into the policing of the dispute during the 1984-85 miners' strike in Scotland to introduce legislation to pardon those convicted for matters related to the strike; notes that the National Union of Mineworkers have been campaigning on these issues since the end of the strike; further notes that during the dispute across the UK 11,291 people were arrested, 8,392 charged and between 150 and 200 imprisoned; calls upon the Government to follow the lead of the devolved administration in Scotland and set up an independent review into policing in the UK during the dispute, with a view to issuing pardons to all of those convicted.

905 Winter support for tourism hospitality jobs and businesses

Tabled: 21/09/20 Signatories: 1

Tim Farron

That this House acknowledges and is grateful for the unprecedented package of support for workers and business throughout the covid-19 outbreak; notes the importance of the spring and summer months for the UK's £100bn tourism and hospitality industry; recognises that businesses in that sector missed out on much of that season due to lockdown; further recognises that many of these businesses are working at a reduced capacity due to social distancing guidelines which is resulting in lower income for these businesses; further notes the warning from UKHospitality that at least 900,000 jobs in the hospitality sector are at risk without further support; urges the Government to protect jobs and help give the confidence businesses need to help them survive the traditionally quiet autumn and winter months; and calls on the Government to implement proposals put forward by Cumbria Tourism including, helping to fund hospitality and tourism jobs from November 2020 to March 2021, extending funding grants for businesses in the sector and reintroducing the hugely successful Eat Out to Help Out scheme during the winter months.

906 Midlothian Young People's Advice Service award from BBC Children in Need

Tabled: 21/09/20 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this House welcomes the contribution of £67,851 by BBC Children in Need's Next Steps Fund to Midlothian Young People's Advice Service (MYPAS); notes that this will fund a full-time counsellor over the next 18 months, engaging with young people aged 12-18, across Midlothian and East Lothian, adversely mentally affected by the situations brought about by the covid-19 outbreak, with particular regard to LGBT+ young people; and congratulates MYPAS on this award which will allow their excellent work to further develop in East and Midlothian.

907 Presbyterian Church in Ireland support for South Sudan

Tabled: 21/09/20 Signatories: 2

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan

That this House notes the work of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland in marking UN World Peace Day by highlighting the violence in South Sudan; further notes the statement produced by churches and agencies affiliated to the Ecumenical Network on South Sudan calling church partners to stand with the world's newest nation and points out that the conflict has led to a dire humanitarian situation with 7.5 million people requiring humanitarian assistance, and more than 2.2 million fleeing the country; and reaffirms the position of this House to speak up and stand up against persecution in South Sudan.

908 The Maltby Miners Welfare Institute

Tabled: 21/09/20 Signatories: 2

Alexander Stafford
Paul Bristow

That this House notes the proposed sale of the Maltby Miners Welfare Institute, the Stute, by CISWO, the coal mining charity; acknowledges that miners have paid for the Stute over the years out of their wages to safeguard their mining heritage; is disappointed that CISWO has chosen to put the site on the market; believes CISWO should be the guardian of this site for local people and should safeguard it accordingly; recognises the Stute as being a valuable community asset which is vital to the prosperity of Maltby; asks for CISWO to work with the Maltby Miners Welfare & Recreation Protection Group and other similar organisations to protect this community asset; and calls for the Stute to be opened for use by everybody in the area and wishes for the site to be protected for Maltby's future generations.

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.

845 CCRC review of Oliver Campbell's case

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 6

Mr Barry Sheerman
Jim Shannon
John Cryer
Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Rosie Cooper
Stephen Timms

That this House welcomes the decision of the Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC) to reconsider objectively, independently and professionally the case of Oliver Campbell, who has severe learning difficulties and whose conviction in 1990 for murder was based on a confession extracted in an oppressive manner at a trial where the jury did not know that his co-defendant had exonerated him in an interview with police; encourages the CCRC to refer the case to the Court of Appeal to enable Oliver's conviction to be quashed and wishes to give special thanks to Oliver

Campbell's former MP, Sandy Martin, who brought the House's attention to the case of Oliver Campbell through a Westminster Hall debate in the summer of 2019.

846 Brain tumour awareness and research

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 20

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

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.

847 Local government reorganisation

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 6

Tim Farron
Jim Shannon
Wendy Chamberlain
Sir Edward Davey
Jamie Stone
Wera Hobhouse

That this House notes that as part of the Devolution and Recovery white paper and in the midst of the biggest crisis since the second world war, this Government wants to plunge councils into the wasteful distraction of top down reorganisations at exactly the time when local authorities should be concentrating all of their efforts on covid recovery; expresses concerns that the impact of redirecting council expenditure away from supporting the most vulnerable people, on local economic recovery and business support will increase poverty and inequalities as further jobs are lost, homeless people are once more put out on the streets and local economic recovery stalls; recognises the significant successes of local government, especially District Councils, in stepping in to manage the local response to covid when central government failed to do so; recognises that every referendum on unitarization has failed to show support; and calls on the Government to recognise that now is not the time to do other than support local councils to continue the work of recovery including moving homeless people into permanent homes, saving jobs and eradicating covid.

853 Covid-19 inspired literatureTabled: **7/09/20** Signatories: **6**

Owen Thompson
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss
Marion Fellows
Chris Law
Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates Bonnyrigg library assistant Ryan Sturrock on self-publishing his debut novel entitled *Death's Whisper*; understands that *Death's Whisper* features eerie similarities to the current covid-19 pandemic due to being split between 1645 Edinburgh and a present-day plague; notes that Ryan began writing the book two years ago, before the coronavirus pandemic, and that the advent of covid-19 and living through a real-life pandemic has given him both the time and inspiration he needed to finish it; and recognises the importance of literature in revitalising the cultural sector to both enrich lives and assist economic recovery.

859 Fife Voluntary Action and Covid-19Tabled: **7/09/20** Signatories: **5**

Wendy Chamberlain
Jim Shannon
Jamie Stone
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans

That this House expresses its thanks for the work of Fife Voluntary Action throughout the covid-19 outbreak; recognises that during the covid-19 lockdown, Fife Voluntary Action operated multiple services in the community including Helping Hand, which co-ordinates community responses to covid by linking those in need of help with Fife Council services and neighbourhood volunteers, Prescription Delivery Service and Shopping Delivery Service; notes that those services provided a huge source of support to many people in Fife, including those shielding; further notes that over 5,000 prescriptions were delivered to shielding and vulnerable people during lockdown; and expresses its thanks to the team at Fife Voluntary Action and all the volunteers for helping the community during the pandemic.

860 Employment practices on redundancy and rehiringTabled: **8/09/20** Signatories: **38**

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

Allan Dorans

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.

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

Tabled: 8/09/20 Signatories: 10

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

Allan Dorans

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.

868 10th anniversary of the papal visit

Tabled: 9/09/20 Signatories: 15

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

Dr Lisa Cameron

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.

873 The global wildlife trade and prevention of future zoonotic pandemics

Tabled: 10/09/20 Signatories: 4

Sir David Amess
Jonathan Edwards
Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Martyn Day

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.

878 Auchengeich Mining Disaster

Tabled: 11/09/20 Signatories: 32

Steven Bonnar
Dr Philippa Whitford
Stuart C McDonald
Dave Doogan
Allan Dorans
Kenny MacAskill

Wendy Chamberlain

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.

880 Suspension of income requirements for family visas

Tabled: 14/09/20 Signatories: 42

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

Patrick Grady

Patricia Gibson

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.

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

Tabled: **14/09/20** Signatories: **10**

Carol Monaghan
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens
Tommy Sheppard
Chris Law
Alison Thewliss

Patrick Grady

Deidre Brock

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: **44**

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

Allan Dorans
 Paula Barker
 Mr Clive Betts

Margaret Ferrier
 Wera Hobhouse
 Steve McCabe

Mr Virendra Sharma
 Kate Osborne
 Hilary Benn

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: 8

David Linden
 Kirsten Oswald
 Jim Shannon
 Jonathan Edwards
 Chris Stephens
 Chris Law

Patrick Grady

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.

889 National Eczema Week

Tabled: 15/09/20 Signatories: 10

Jim Shannon
 Paul Girvan
 Jonathan Edwards
 Lloyd Russell-Moyle
 Sir Mike Penning
 Chris Stephens

Patrick Grady

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: 25

Alexander Stafford
 Tim Farron
 Jim Shannon
 Ben Lake
 Jonathan Edwards
 Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Caroline Lucas
 Deidre Brock

Daisy Cooper
 Dr Lisa Cameron

Allan Dorans
 Paula Barker

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 25 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: 12

Claudia Webbe
Ms Diane Abbott
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
John McDonnell
Zarah Sultana
Kate Osborne

Martin Docherty-Hughes

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.

893 Air pollution and inequality

Tabled: 16/09/20 Signatories: 21

Apsana Begum
Claudia Webbe
Ms Diane Abbott
Ian Byrne
Jeremy Corbyn
John McDonnell

Daisy Cooper
 John Cryer

Wera Hobhouse
 Paula Barker

Clive Lewis

That this House expresses its concern at the recent findings of the Environment Agency's State of the Environment report; notes that air pollution is the single biggest environmental threat to people's health in the UK; further notes that many environmental factors, such as pollution and flooding, have been found to contribute to an increase in mental health conditions; is further concerned that access to nature is not equally distributed across our society and that exposure to pollution mirrors that difference; recognises that those living in more deprived areas experience the

poorest quality of environment, as well as worse health, and that those facts are linked; asserts that in Tower Hamlets, according to campaigners, more than 40 per cent of the borough's population live with unacceptable air quality; further asserts that examples such as Tower Hamlets often reflect the higher levels of inequality experienced by BAME communities; and calls on the Government to implement clean air policies, accompanied by an equalities report, to ensure that air quality levels are equal across our society and to ensure that the right to clean air is not determined by income or ethnic background.

895 Extension of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme

Tabled: 17/09/20 Signatories: 8

John Nicolson
Alison Thewliss
Carol Monaghan
Stephen Farry
Allan Dorans
Liz Saville Roberts

Patrick Grady

That this House recognises the importance of retaining jobs in industries still affected by the ongoing covid-19 pandemic; further recognises that the cliff-edge October cut-off date of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme is set to result in hundreds of thousands of avoidable redundancies; notes research from the Trussell Trust that the end of coronavirus job and income support is expected to spark a 61 per cent rise in food bank use this winter, plunging families across Scotland and the rest of the UK into poverty; and calls on the Government to act in line with other countries such as France, Ireland and Germany by extending the Job Retention Scheme into 2021.

896 Teaching of British Sign Language in schools

Tabled: 17/09/20 Signatories: 12

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Rosie Cooper
Zarah Sultana
Ms Diane Abbott
Apsana Begum
Claudia Webbe

Allan Dorans

Jon Trickett

Paula Barker

That this House recognises the importance of ensuring that all members of society are able to communicate effectively and clearly; notes that this includes ensuring that people who are deaf or hard of hearing are able to communicate effectively and clearly; recognises that 11 million people in the UK are deaf or hard of hearing, highlighting the need to teach British Sign Language more widely; calls on this Government to introduce British Sign Language classes beginning at Key Stage 1 through to Key Stage 3; and further calls on this Government to introduce a British Sign Language GCSE course.

898 Ban on goods produced by state-sponsored forced labour

Tabled: 17/09/20 Signatories: 27

Siobhain McDonagh**Caroline Lucas****Paul Girvan****Andrew Gwynne****Mike Hill****Ian Blackford**

Christine Jardine

Ian Byrne

That this House welcomes the United States Department of Home Security issuing five Withhold Release Orders which will ban the import of products from the People's Republic of China produced with state-sponsored forced labour in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region where the Chinese Communist Party government is engaged in systematic human rights abuses against the Uyghur people and other ethnic and religious minorities; notes that the latest orders cover computer parts made by Hefei Bitland Information Tehncology Co., cotton produced by Xinjiang Junggar Cotton and Linen Co., clothing from the Yili Zhuowan Garment Manufacturing Co., hair products made in the Lop County Hair Product Industrial Park in Xinjiang, and all products made with labour from the notorious Lop County No.4 Vocational Skills Education and Training Centre, the latter of which is little better than a slave labour concentration camp through which, and through a network of similar camps, genocide is now being perpetrated by the Chinese Communist Party against the Uyghur people; and urges the Government to review and upgrade its own import control arrangements to ensure that British consumers are protected from inadvertently supporting slave labour and genocide in China.
