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## Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 8 October 2020

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### New EDMs

#### 983 Financial support for football and rugby league clubs during the covid-19 outbreak

Tabled: 8/10/20 Signatories: 1

**Jon Trickett**

That this House is concerned about the future of football and rugby league clubs without fans being able to attend stadiums; notes that the majority of football and rugby league clubs including Frickley Athletic FC, Wakefield Trinity and Featherstone Rovers in Hemsworth Constituency are heavily reliant on gate receipts as their main source of income; pays tribute to the vital role these sporting institutions play at the heart of their communities, fostering a sense of togetherness and community spirit that spans generations, with Frickley, Wakefield and Featherstone sharing a combined 375 years of history; acknowledges that in April 2020 £16 million was provided to rugby league in Government loans; believes this is an insufficient sum that will not safeguard the long term future of the sport; notes that with England due to host the Rugby League World Cup in 2021 further financial support from the Government is imperative to both sustain and grow the sport of rugby league in England; and calls on the Government to introduce further financial support to ensure that football and rugby league clubs survive during the covid-19 outbreak.

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#### 984 Moratorium on the production and trade of weapons

Tabled: 8/10/20 Signatories: 1

**Olivia Blake**

That this House recognises that Article 26 of the Charter of the United Nations, which celebrates its 75th anniversary this month, seeks to promote the establishment and maintenance of international peace and security with the least diversion for armaments of the world's human and economic resources; notes the destabilisation and disruption arising from the covid-19 pandemic; recognises that peace and security, development and human rights are pillars of the United Nations system and the foundations for collective security; recognises that the catastrophic consequences of the

use of nuclear weapons cannot be adequately addressed because they transcend national borders, pose grave implications for human survival, the environment, socio-economic development, the global economy, food security and the health of current and future generations; recognises that military modernisation, procurement and spending budgets of States are vastly disproportionate to contemporary sources of national and human insecurity; believes in the necessity to sustain and strengthen existing weapons control agreements and treaties, one aim of which should be nuclear disarmament; acknowledges that a moratorium on production and trade of weapons should not hamper international co-operation and legitimate trade in equipment and technology for peaceful purposes; recognises the voluntary and active role that civil society, including non-governmental organisations and industry can play in supporting the object and purpose of a moratorium, and in supporting its implementation; and recognises the desirability of achieving universal adherence to such a moratorium.

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### 985 Armenia, Artsakh and Azerbaijan

Tabled: 8/10/20 Signatories: 1

**Sir Peter Bottomley**

That this House is deeply concerned at the recent escalation of tensions between the armed forces of Armenia, Artsakh and Azerbaijan; notes with concern the clashes that took place both in the Tavush Province of Armenia and the Tovuz District of Azerbaijan on 12 July 2020, the further skirmishes on 13 July 2020 and, with great concern, the resumption of hostilities along the Nagorno-Karabakh Line of Contact on 27 September 2020 and the resulting military and civilian casualties reported by Armenia, Azerbaijan and Artsakh; and urges the Government to join in the United Nation's strong condemnation of the conflict and call on both sides to deescalate tensions with the immediate resumption of the May 1994 ceasefire and resume meaningful negotiations without delay.

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### 986 Support for outdoor education centres

Tabled: 8/10/20 Signatories: 1

**Tim Farron**

That this House recognises the importance of outdoor education and residential centres in developing young people's confidence and teambuilding skills; understands the severe plight that jobs and businesses in the sector are facing as a result of the covid-19 crisis; urges the Department for Education to review the current policy of no residential visits as they are an essential part of children's education and establish a clear timeline for when residential visits are likely to resume; urges the Government to provide a Leisure and Tourism industry specific funding package, including residential outdoor centres for when the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme ends in October 2020; and urges the Government to help protect outdoor education charities with financial support in 2021.

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### 987 Homelessness (No. 2)

Tabled: 8/10/20 Signatories: 1

**Tim Farron**

That this House notes the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government's promise on 18 March 2020 that no renter who has lost income due to Coronavirus will be forced out of their home; further notes the end of the moratorium on evictions on 20 September 2020; is concerned that 55,000 private tenants were served eviction notices between March and August 2020, that 320,000 private tenants have fallen into arrears since March whilst two-thirds of private

tenants do not have any savings, and that the National Landlord's Association reports £440 million is owed in unpaid rent; further notes that the 3,022 orders for possession recorded by the Ministry of Justice between April and June masks the extent of this crisis because most Section 21 evictions do not proceed to court; believes the end of the furlough scheme on 31 October 2020 will increase the number of private renters facing eviction and result in a significant upsurge of homelessness, with catastrophic consequences for families in the run-up to Christmas; and calls on the Government to avert this impending crisis by bringing forwards the Renters' Reform Bill to end Section 21 no fault evictions, enabling judicial discretion over Section 8 repossession hearings to account for the impact of covid-19, providing grants or low-interest loans to cover rent arrears, and setting Local Housing Allowance at the 50th percentile.

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### 988 VAT on period pants

Tabled: 8/10/20 Signatories: 1

#### Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House recognises the work done by WUKA Wear who have worked hard to promote the use of reusable menstrual products; references research carried out by WUKA Wear which found that 4.3 billion menstrual products are used each year, all of which goes to landfill or ends up in the ocean; notes that reusable period pants, which are environmentally friendly are an effective method to combat this; believes that period pants should have the 20 per cent VAT removed; notes with regret the Government's recent announcement which suggests they will consider removing VAT on period pants for children under the age of 14 and with size limitations, which reinforces harmful body ideals and negates the reality that menstruation can occur after the age of 14; further recognises that all menstrual products are essential items and should be exempt from VAT; and calls on the Government to reconsider its position and remove the 20 per cent VAT on period pants and all other menstrual products.

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### 989 Census 2021

Tabled: 8/10/20 Signatories: 1

#### Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House notes that the ONS England and Wales Census as it appeared in 2011 did not allow for non-white citizens to identify as British; acknowledges that while the formal categories are not intentionally exclusionary, this oversight tells people of colour that they are unable to identify as solely British and may only identify by the heritage of their parents, grandparents or great grandparents; agrees that the questions regarding ethnicity in the 2011 Census and as they are proposed to appear in the 2021 Census are outdated and do not reflect the complexity that is ethnicity in the UK; notes that people from multiple ethnic backgrounds are the fastest growing demographic in the UK and thus questions on ethnicity in the Census must change to reflect this and accommodate the various combinations of multiple ethnic backgrounds in the UK; recognises that many citizens of multiple ethnic backgrounds do not identify by their ancestors ethnicity but by their Britishness; calls on the Government to update the 2021 questions regarding ethnicity to accommodate this and allow Black, Asian, and Mixed-Race citizens to identify as British on the 2021 Census and as such, the options available for the Black ethnic category will read as follows, British, African, Caribbean, Any other Black / African / Caribbean background, please describe, and similar would appear for other ethnic categories.

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**990 Import and production of foie gras**Tabled: **8/10/20** Signatories: **1****Sir Mike Penning**

That this House condemns the production of foie gras by force-feeding ducks and geese which causes severe physical and psychological pain for the animals involved, welcomes the continued ban on production of foie gras in the UK and calls on the Government to ban the import of this so-called delicacy as of 1 January 2021.

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**991 Livingston cyclist Josh Quigley breaks world record**Tabled: **8/10/20** Signatories: **1****Hannah Bardell**

That this House congratulates Livingston cyclist Josh Quigley for breaking the world record of fastest cycle round the North Coast 500; recognises that his achievement took place just nine months after sustaining life-threatening injuries in a crash; acknowledges that he used the challenge to raise money for Baylor Scott and White Central Texas Foundation where he was treated after he was hit by a car at 70mph on a round-the-world cycling trip; notes that he completed the route in a time of 31 hours and 18 minutes, five minutes faster than the current record; and finally wishes him good health and good luck in his future cycling ventures.

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**992 Clean Air Day**Tabled: **8/10/20** Signatories: **1****Mr Barry Sheerman**

That this House acknowledges Clean Air Day; recognises the danger that polluted air poses to the health of people across the UK; urges the Government to take more decisive and urgent action to mitigate the dangerous levels of air pollution in urban areas, further urges the Government to build partnerships with local government, schools and the private sector to seek consensus on the issue of air quality; and calls on the Government to ensure that upcoming legislation meets the highest of standards with regard to urban air quality.

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## 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.

### 924 County lines and child criminal exploitation

Tabled: 24/09/20 Signatories: 21

**Grahame Morris**  
**Ian Mearns**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Mohammad Yasin**

Ian Lavery

That this House is alarmed at the expansion of county lines networks, recently exacerbated by covid-19; calls for clarification of laws to ensure that all young people who are groomed, coerced and controlled into committing crime are recognised as victims of trafficking and exploitation; advocates the adoption of a new public health approach to drug prevention that works with schools, pupil referral units and providers for those outside of mainstream education; notes the need for new local safeguarding partnerships enabling multi-agency work to identify and respond to child criminal exploitation; further notes that a system is required for seamlessly sharing data across borders and agencies and disrupting grooming and criminality that has migrated from the streets to encrypted apps; and calls upon the Government to introduce a stand-alone national strategy on child criminal exploitation that includes these recommendations as a matter of urgency.

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### 926 Removal of requirement to publicise Planning Notices in local newspapers

Tabled: 28/09/20 Signatories: 16

**Barry Gardiner**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Mike Hill**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Lloyd Russell-Moyle**

Richard Burgon

This House recognises that local and regional newspapers, in print and digital form, reach 40.6 million people each week across the UK; notes that they perform vital democratic functions by nurturing debate, investigating local issues and running powerful campaigns that foster community identity and hold vested interests to account; considers that the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government proposals to remove the statutory requirement to publicise planning applications in local newspapers would make the planning process less transparent, less accountable and less democratic; and therefore urges the Government to recognise that local newspapers have the trust of the public and are best placed to distribute and publicise impartial factual details about planning applications in the form of planning notices.

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**930 Beer Duty 2020**Tabled: **28/09/20** Signatories: **19**

**Jamie Stone**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Layla Moran**

Sir Greg Knight

That this House commends the Government for freezing Beer Duty at previous Budgets; acknowledges that again the UK has the highest total Beer Duty bill in Europe at £3.4 billion and a Beer Duty rate at three times the EU average, as well as 11 times that of Germany or Spain; notes that over 40 per cent of a brewery's turnover is Beer Duty making the tax on beer feel like a tax on pubs; further notes that the added effect of covid-19 puts pubs and breweries at risk of closing and therefore threatens the approximate 900,000 jobs that this industry provides; and calls on the Government to intervene by cutting Beer Duty by 25 per cent.

**933 Challenge Poverty Week: 5 to 11 October 2020**Tabled: **28/09/20** Signatories: **34**

**David Linden**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Ronnie Cowan**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Carol Monaghan**  
**Allan Dorans**

Stephen Flynn

That this House celebrates the important work being undertaken by the Poverty Alliance during their Challenge Poverty Week; supports the various events taking place across Scotland to end the stigma around poverty and build awareness for solutions to poverty; and commits to advocating for those affected by poverty to ensure that the UK is a more just and equal society.

**937 Government funding for zoos and aquariums**Tabled: **29/09/20** Signatories: **13**

**Andrew Rosindell**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Bill Wiggin**  
**Sir George Howarth**  
**Sir David Amess**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**

Andrew Selous

That this House is concerned that not a single zoo has yet benefited from the Government's Zoo Animals Fund and that very few are likely to stand to benefit from that funding; notes that, including the previous Zoo Support Fund, only 2 per cent of the Government's support funds for that sector have been spent; is further concerned that, despite the UK facing at least a further six months of covid-19 related restrictions, and zoos and aquariums entering an extremely challenging winter period, the deadline for applications for that fund is currently set as 16 November 2020; recognises that zoos and aquariums urgently need to be able to access that Government fund

but are prevented from doing so by overly restrictive eligibility criteria and an absence of support for the invaluable conservation, education and research work carried out by that sector; and calls on the Government to ring-fence that £100 million fund into 2021 and work with sector representatives in order to review the eligibility criteria for that fund, ensuring that zoos and aquariums can access this much needed support.

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#### 940 Saudi-led coalition military action against Yemen

Tabled: 30/09/20 Signatories: 11

**Neale Hanvey**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Law**  
**Hannah Bardell**

Richard Burgon

That this House condemns the UK Government's continued facilitation of the supply of arms to the Saudi-led coalition bombing Yemeni civilians.

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#### 942 Importance of eye care

Tabled: 30/09/20 Signatories: 8

**Jim Shannon**  
**Paul Girvan**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Bob Blackman**  
**John McDonnell**

Richard Burgon

That this House notes the end of National Eye Health Week; further notes the work of the brain tumour charity which highlights that approximately 30 per cent of people who have brain tumours experience visual symptoms and 60 per cent of people with brain tumours experience headaches and they visit their GPs without going for an eye test; urges people to be mindful that eye tests do not simply indicate if you need glasses but can give greater insight into other problems; and further encourages the general public to ensure that their two year eye test is an important part of any health routine.

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**943 Funding for school counselling services**

Tabled: 30/09/20 Signatories: 12

Jon Trickett  
 Sir Peter Bottomley  
 Jim Shannon  
 Ian Lavery  
 Caroline Lucas  
 Claudia Webbe

Sir George Howarth

Richard Burgon

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

That this House notes with concern research from the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy which found that 80 per cent of young people say that their mental health has worsened during the covid-19 outbreak; further notes with concern that there could be significant future human and financial costs associated with the covid-19 outbreak unless there is Government intervention to stem that growing mental health crisis among young people; believes that provision of funding for counselling in all schools and colleges in England is the best way to address that problem; acknowledges that the average wait time for counselling in schools being 21 days, compared to CAMHS having an average wait time of 188 days, supports that viewpoint; and therefore calls on the Government to allocate resources in the Comprehensive Spending Review that are aimed at tackling the growing crisis of mental health among young people through a national commitment to counselling provision for all children in England's secondary schools.

**944 Extension of protection measures for renters during the covid-19 outbreak**

Tabled: 30/09/20 Signatories: 9

Jon Trickett  
 Claudia Webbe  
 Jim Shannon  
 Ian Lavery  
 Caroline Lucas  
 Chris Stephens

Richard Burgon

That this House is concerned about the large number of tenants facing eviction as a result of the ban on evictions coming to an end as covid-19 lockdown restrictions are eased; notes with concern research by Shelter which found that 227,000 private renters have fallen into arrears since the start of covid-19 lockdown in March 2020; expresses concern that 1 in 6 parents who rent privately, equivalent to 458,000 people, have concerns that their family could become homeless as a result of the covid-19 outbreak; further notes with concern that while people served with an eviction notice from August 2020 have been given a six month notice period, that exemption does not apply to the estimated 55,000 people who received notice of eviction between March 2020 and August 2020; and calls on the Government to extend the ban on evicting renters during the covid-19 outbreak in order to avert a winter homelessness crisis.



**948 Support for Further Education colleges**

Tabled: 1/10/20 Signatories: 8

**Robert Halfon**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Bob Blackman**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Stephen Farry**

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

That this House recognises the unique role that colleges play in supporting people, employers and communities to thrive and central role in rebuilding the economy; endorses the vision of the Independent Commission on the College of the Future for a strategic and expanded role for colleges in empowering people with opportunities for lifelong learning, boosting business productivity and innovation, and strengthening every community; welcomes the Government's Lifetime Skills Guarantee to allow adults to retrain and reskill through fully-funded technical college courses and the £1.5 billion capital fund to repair and upgrade college estates; but notes with concern that the recent National Audit Office report into the financial sustainability of colleges in England cites a 7 per cent real-terms decrease in funding per learner aged 16 to 19 between 2013-14 and 2018-19; further notes with concern that adult funding was cut by 40 per cent in the first half of the last decade and has been fixed in cash terms since then; recognises that colleges can only play their full role through long-term sustainable funding and a long term strategy which enjoys cross-party support; and calls on the Government to celebrate and support colleges by ensuring that colleges are empowered to deliver their full potential for people, productivity and place through adequate and sustainable funding and a new trust-based relationship with colleges seen as key strategic partners.

**950 Problem drug use**

Tabled: 1/10/20 Signatories: 28

**Tommy Sheppard**  
**Ronnie Cowan**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Caroline Lucas**

Crispin Blunt

That this House is appalled by the number of people dying from drug related deaths in the UK; welcomes the reports of the Scottish Affairs and Health Select Committees following their separate inquiries; supports the presentation of the Problem Drug Use Bill; notes that its implementation would ensure the drugs crisis is tackled from a health rather than justice perspective; further supports its calls to make provision for safe drug consumption facilities and to decriminalise the possession of small quantities of drugs for personal use; and calls on the Government to declare problem drug use a public health emergency.

**954 60 years of Nigerian Independence**

Tabled: 1/10/20 Signatories: 9

**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Law**  
**Hannah Bardell**  
**Chris Stephens**

Richard Burgon

That this House congratulates Nigeria on 60 years of independence from the United Kingdom; understands that just before midnight on 30 September 1960, the lights at what is now Tafawa Balewa Square in Lagos were switched off and the British Union Jack lowered; notes that on the stroke of midnight on 1 October 1960 the lights went on again and the green white and green of the Nigerian flag was displayed signalling Nigeria becoming a fully Independent country; is not aware of any calls from Nigerians to return to British rule; commends the contribution many Nigerian citizens make to Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland; thanks, in particular, those Nigerians assisting and leading in the efforts to tackle Covid-19 in the UK; and wishes all Nigerians celebrating across the world a very happy 60th anniversary of Nigerian Independence Day.

**957 Black History Month and the British Hotel and the Scots Jamaican Nurse Mary Seacole**

Tabled: 5/10/20 Signatories: 15

**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Owen Thompson**  
**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

That this House notes October is Black History Month; welcomes the opportunity to highlight some of those people largely forgotten in history but who have made a significant contribution nonetheless; celebrates the tale of Scots Jamaican nurse Mary Seacole who set up her own convalescent home named The British Hotel, to tend wounded soldiers with traditional herbal remedies in the Crimean war of the 1850s; considers it all the more impressive that she did so after being rejected by the War Office and by fundraising for the costs herself; understands she was so well loved for the voluntary work she carried out that when she returned to London in 1857, destitute, and a fundraising gala in her honour on the banks of the River Thames attracted 80,000 guests; understands that Mary Seacole then disappeared from history books for over a century; finds it inexplicable that when her contribution began to be acknowledged in more recent times, there were campaigns against doing so; and considers it fitting that she is now considered one of the greatest black role models and has been remembered with a community hospital named after her in Surrey and a statue erected in her honour outside St Thomas' Hospital.

**962 TSB branch closures and financial inclusion**

Tabled: 5/10/20 Signatories: 7

**Patricia Gibson**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Owen Thompson**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Steven Bonnar**

Kirsten Oswald

That this House condemns the decision of TSB Bank to close its branches in Kilbirnie, Largs and Saltcoats in North Ayrshire; recognises that this follows the closure of Royal Bank of Scotland and Clydesdale Bank branches across North Ayrshire and Arran; understands that local communities, particularly elderly and disabled residents, will suffer because of this decision; notes that the commitment to ensure 94 per cent of customers remain within 20 minutes travel time of a branch does not consider those without access to private vehicles; is concerned that forcing customers into lengthy journeys by public transport in order to bank places people at greater risk during a global health pandemic; believes these branch closures will adversely affect local businesses and town centres at a time when many are already struggling; further understands the impact for bank staff who may face redundancy at a time when the economy is damaged by the uncertainty of Brexit and the global health pandemic; and is extremely disappointed by the lack of action from the Government in working with high street banks to deliver banking hubs for communities and thereby ensure financial inclusion and urges TSB Bank to reconsider these closures, so that North Ayrshire and Arran communities are not deprived of the opportunity to bank locally.

**964 Anniversary of the Battle of Cable Street**

Tabled: 5/10/20 Signatories: 16

**Apsana Begum**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Stephen Farry**  
**Chris Stephens**

Richard Burgon

That this House marks the 84th anniversary of the Battle of Cable Street on 4 October when in 1936, Oswald Mosley and members of the British Union of Fascists were blocked from marching through East London by the Jewish community, trade unionists, socialists and others; recognises the continuing importance of the Battle of Cable Street in inspiring communities uniting together in solidarity in the fight against the far right; pays tribute to the rich cultural and political history of the Jewish community in East London; and reaffirms its commitment to the fight against racism, fascism and antisemitism.

**965 Supporting open-access rail operators during the covid-19 outbreak**

Tabled: 5/10/20 Signatories: 20

**Ian Mearns**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Mick Whitley**

Richard Burgon

Sarah Olney

That this House notes that, unlike the franchised train operating companies, the UK's open-access rail operators, including Hull Trains and Grand Central, have received no financial support package from the Government; further notes that passenger footfall and revenue across the railways remains below pre-covid 19 outbreak levels; is concerned that as a result of the covid-19 outbreak, Grand Central has announced the closure of its North West Project and commenced a restructure which puts a number of posts at risk of redundancy; and calls on the Government to agree a support package as a matter of urgency for open-access rail operators to enable those operators to continue to operate and to protect the jobs and conditions of all their staff.

**970 National Minimum Wage**

Tabled: 6/10/20 Signatories: 10

**John McDonnell**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Olivia Blake**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**Ian Lavery**

Richard Burgon

That this House notes that the Low Pay Commission (LPC) will shortly be making its recommendations to Government for the April 2021 increase in the National Minimum Wage; further notes that the LPC consulted on a 49p rise to £9.21 per hour in April 2021; is concerned by reports that this proposed increase may now be significantly reduced or minimum wage rates frozen; notes estimates that suggest 21 per cent of UK workers are paid less than the real living wage, as set by the Living Wage Foundation; believes that increasing wages for low paid workers is an essential part of reducing poverty and increasing economic demand; and therefore calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to authorise a significant increase in the minimum wage preferably to at least £10 per hour for all workers.

**971 TSB Closures in Midlothian**

Tabled: 6/10/20 Signatories: 8

**Owen Thompson**  
**Martyn Day**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Steven Bonnar**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**Stewart Malcolm McDonald**

Dave Doogan

Kirsten Oswald

That this House condemns TSB Bank's decision to close its Dalkeith and Penicuik branches; recognises that this follows a long succession of bank closures in Midlothian; notes that there are no alternative TSB branches nearby to serve the busy communities of Dalkeith and Penicuik, and that the Post Office cannot be expected to pick up the pieces; further notes that, although Midlothian is Scotland's fastest growing region, many customers will now have to travel to Musselburgh or Cameron Toll in Edinburgh for their banking; recognises that there remains a strong need for choice between face to face and other forms of banking, and for cash and counter transactions; and calls on banks to work to do everything they can to make it easier for their local customers to access their services and not close the doors permanently during a time of crisis during which many businesses are already struggling.

**972 Tackling child food insecurity**

Tabled: 6/10/20 Signatories: 8

**Robert Halfon**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Mohammad Yasin**  
**Tracey Crouch**  
**Andrew Selous**  
**Holly Mumby-Croft**

Christian Wakeford

Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House believes no child should go hungry; welcomes Government action to provide Free School Meals over the school summer holidays; recognises that families are still struggling to afford food, that 11 per cent of parents and 6 per cent of children have directly experienced food insecurity in the last month and that food bank usage is expected to be 61 per cent higher in winter 2020-21 than last year; believes that further action to protect vulnerable children is needed; calls on the Government to implement the recommendations in the National Food Strategy Part 1 to increase the value of and expand eligibility for Healthy Start vouchers, expand eligibility for Free School Meals, and extend the Holiday Activities and Food programme; and notes that alongside minimising child food insecurity these recommendations will also address inequalities, improve the long-term health and resilience of the population, reduce childhood obesity, improve children's academic performance, support parents to stay in work during the holidays, and ease the strain on the welfare system.

**973 Justice for Osime Brown**

Tabled: 6/10/20 Signatories: 28

**Jamie Stone**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Layla Moran**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**John McDonnell**

Stewart Malcolm McDonald  
 Sarah Olney

Ed Davey  
 Apsana Begum

Kate Osamor

That this House acknowledges 21-year-old Osime Brown's autism and the behavioural challenges that come with it; further acknowledges the Home Office's plans to deport Osime to Jamaica where he has not lived since he was four years old and has never returned to; notes Osime's mother's words that if they deport him, he'll die; further notes that, although a friend testified that Osime was not directly involved with the crime, Osime is currently in prison where he is self-harming to the point that he has hundreds of scars on his body; recognises the Citizen's Advice Bureau's advice which states that if one is detained despite being vulnerable, one should apply for bail; calls on the Government to acknowledge Osime's autism, dyslexia, learning disabilities, and PTSD; further calls on the Government to release Osime on bail rather than being moved to a holding facility that is not properly equipped to meet his needs, remove the call for Osime's deportation, and see that Osime finally receives the support he needs for his disabilities.

**979 Enable young people with learning disabilities to access their own money**

Tabled: 6/10/20 Signatories: 8

**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Dr Philippa Whitford**  
**Martyn Day**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Steven Bonnar**

Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House notes that the first Child Trust Funds, established 18 years ago, are being paid out to recipients this month; notes that many young people will receive upwards of £1,000 at an important time in their lives; expresses concern that no mechanism has been put in place to enable parents of children with learning disabilities to access their savings; understands that under the Mental Capacity Act 2005, young people with some kinds of learning disabilities are unable to make financial decisions for themselves; further understands that this leaves families with the only option of pursuing legal action; notes this has the potential to cost more than the savings; further notes that this is estimated to affect around 180,000 young people; considers these young people may face many barriers in their lives and the job of governments is to break down barriers and create equality of opportunity; and calls on the Government to help these young people to receive the funds to which they are entitled.

**980 Meeting the communication needs and preferences of people with hearing loss and deafness during the covid-19 outbreak**

Tabled: 6/10/20 Signatories: 14

**Olivia Blake**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Sir Mike Penning**

Richard Burgon

Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House recognises that the use of opaque face masks can act as a barrier to communication for the 12 million people with hearing loss across the UK; welcomes the recent approval of a transparent mask by the Department of Health and Social Care; asks the Government to issue further guidance for health and social care providers to ensure that the context in which transparent masks can be used is fully understood; urges the Government to increase the supply of transparent masks in health and social care settings and provide deaf awareness and communication tips where transparent masks are not available; further urges the Government to remind health and social care providers of their obligations under the Accessible Information Standard in meeting the communication needs and preferences of people with hearing loss and deafness; and calls on the Government to include transparent masks within the Government's free personal protective equipment offer for social care providers.

**981 Congratulating Prime Minister Ardern on New Zealand's response to coronavirus**

Tabled: 7/10/20 Signatories: 16

**Richard Burgon**  
**Dave Doogan**  
**Jamie Stone**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Ian Mearns**  
**John McDonnell**

Martyn Day  
 Alan Brown  
 Grahame Morris  
 Wera Hobhouse

Ian Lavery  
 Allan Dorans  
 Kate Osborne

Zarah Sultana  
 Ms Diane Abbott  
 Debbie Abrahams

That this House congratulates New Zealand's Labour Government, led by Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, on its 7 October 2020 declaration that the country has eliminated local transmission of coronavirus; notes that this comes after there were no new cases for 10 days in Auckland, its largest city, after a cluster of 179 cases there in August ended a 102-day run without any cases in all of New Zealand; further notes that an extensive testing and contact tracing operation has been key to this success; recognises that the elimination strategy pursued by New Zealand, often known as Zero Covid, is an effective way of not only saving lives but allows for the reopening of the economy; notes that the effective elimination of the virus will put an end to the 100-person limit to public gatherings and social distancing rules in bars and restaurants in Auckland; and calls on the Government to learn from the successful implementation of a Zero Covid strategy by New Zealand.