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## Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 12 November 2020

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### New EDMs

#### 1124 **Dream Hair Salon Award success**

Tabled: **12/11/20** Signatories: **1**

**Dave Doogan**

That this House congratulates Marie Ramminger of Dream Hair salon in Arbroath who won a bronze award at the Wella Trend Vision Awards UK Final; notes that only three Scottish finalists won an award at this year's finals demonstrating the extent of Marie's achievement; commends the resilience shown by Marie and her team in building and expanding Dream Hair after adding to their salon in Arbroath with another in Forfar which was renovated and opened straight after lockdown; and recognises what it considers to be the exceptional quality of service provided by Marie and her team as evidenced by the fact that their client base is drawn from across North East Scotland; praises the team at Dream Hair for their success and wishes them continued success in the future.

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#### 1125 **Award of Chatham House Prize 2020 to Justices of Malawi's Constitutional Court**

Tabled: **12/11/20** Signatories: **1**

**Patrick Grady**

That this House congratulates the judges on the Constitutional Court of Malawi, Justice Healey Potani, Justice Ivy Kamanga, Justice Redson Kapindu, Justice Dingiswayo Madise and Justice Michael Tembo, who have been awarded the 2020 Chatham House Prize in recognition of the courage and independence in the defence of democracy demonstrated in their historic February 2020 ruling that annulled the May 2019 Malawian presidential election; notes that the Chatham House Prize is awarded annually to the person, persons or organisation deemed by the institute's members to have made the most significant contribution to the improvement of international relations in the previous year; further notes that Chatham House has concluded that at a time when standards of democratic governance are under threat not only in Africa, but in many democracies, Malawi's constitutional court judges set an example for their peers across the world by upholding the

centrality of the rule of law and separation of powers; recognises that the February 2020 judgement led to fresh elections in Malawi; and believes, with the members of Chatham House, that the judges' decision has helped to rebuild the confidence of Malawi's citizens in their institutions, and serves as encouragement for those interested in upholding standards of democracy more widely across the African continent and around the world.

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## 1126 Highways England Wisley M25/A3 Junction Proposal

Tabled: 12/11/20 Signatories: 1

**Daisy Cooper**

That this House expresses its concern at Highways England's proposal for a new M25/A3 junction alongside RHS Wisley, near Guildford, Surrey; notes the impact the proposal has on 44 trees along the RHS Wisley boundary with the A3 including the felling of 17 Grade II Heritage tree, and 27 other trees (including North American redwood species and 5 Grade II\* Heritage Trees) being negatively impacted by the undermining of their root strength; further notes the negative impact on the local road network and thereby local residents; recognises that the proposal will have a wider environmental impact as a result of the unnecessary extra mileage and inevitable increased pollution created by the junction; and calls on the Government to stop the Highways England proposal which has been opposed by the RHS, its members, local residents and local councils and require Highways England to consider and implement an alternative approach.

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## 1127 75th Anniversary of UNESCO

Tabled: 12/11/20 Signatories: 1

**Patrick Grady**

That this House congratulates the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, UNESCO, which celebrates its 75th anniversary on Monday 16th November 2020; notes that the organisation was founded in London in 1945 to build peace through international cooperation in education, the sciences and culture; further notes that since then the organisation has built up a global network of 193 Member States and has designated 1,121 World Heritage Sites, 246 Creative Cities, 161 Global Geoparks and 701 Biosphere Reserves around the world, including 165 designations across the UK; further congratulates the wide range of experts, stakeholders and communities who support the work of UNESCO in the pursuit of its mission to build the defences of peace in the minds of people; welcomes the various celebrations taking place to mark the anniversary, including an event on 16th November hosted by the UNESCO Chair in Refugee Integration through Languages and the Arts at the University of Glasgow, Prof Alison Phipps, reflecting on the cultural heritage of Eritrea; and wishes all those involved in supporting UNESCO every success as the organisation seeks to contribute to the achievement of the Global Goals for Sustainable Development and the promotion of peace around the world in the years to come.

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## 1128 Paid Bereavement Leave

Tabled: 12/11/20 Signatories: 1

**Jonathan Edwards**

That this House recognises that losing a loved one can be one of the most difficult and painful challenges that many of us face; further recognises that common symptoms of grief include feeling shocked and numb, overwhelming sadness, tiredness or exhaustion, anger and guilt; notes that an employee has the right to time off if a dependent dies but that under current legislation, statutory bereavement pay is only available to eligible parents if their children die before they turn 18, or if a baby is stillborn after 24 weeks of pregnancy; further notes that research commissioned by the

charity Sue Ryder calculates that grief experienced by employees who have lost a loved one costs the UK economy £23 billion a year through reduced productivity, and the Treasury nearly £8 billion as a result of reduced tax revenues and increased use of NHS and social care resources; and calls on the UK Government to urgently consult with stakeholders on the best way to introduce paid bereavement leave, with a view to introducing a statutory right to two weeks.

## 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.

### 1065 Cancer Research UK Uniting Communities Award

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 8

Chris Law  
Patrick Grady  
Jim Shannon  
Paula Barker  
Lloyd Russell-Moyle  
Allan Dorans

Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates Auchterhouse's Jo Williamson following his receipt of the Uniting Communities Award at Cancer Research UK's Flame of Hope Awards; notes that Jo has been a campaign ambassador for Cancer Research UK since 2013, and has featured in adverts and met with Members of Parliament on behalf of the charity through this role; recognises that there is still more to be done in the campaign to raise funds and awareness of cancer; further recognises the hard work and dedication that campaigners like Jo are putting in across the country; and wishes Jo and everyone at Cancer Research UK the best for the future.

### 1068 Nursing students placements during the covid-19 outbreak

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 17

Olivia Blake  
Rachel Hopkins  
Mick Whitley  
Paula Barker  
Grahame Morris  
Ms Diane Abbott

Richard Burgon

That this House notes that in the first wave of the covid-19 outbreak, student nurses were rewarded with pay for their contribution to the response to the outbreak; further notes that throughout the covid-19 outbreak student healthcare workers have regularly worked 40 hour weeks, without pay, sick leave or death-in-service coverage, in high-risk areas and often having to find alternative accommodation at cost to themselves to ensure they do not put their families at risk; and calls on the Government to recognise and reward the efforts of healthcare students, alongside healthcare workers, to keep the country going throughout the covid-19 outbreak by paying them a fair wage for the hours they have worked.

**1069 WASPI women**

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 28

Sir George Howarth  
 Andrew Gwynne  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Claudia Webbe  
 Navendu Mishra  
 John McDonnell

Richard Burgon

Alison Thewliss

Amy Callaghan

That this House notes with great concern the continuing unfair treatment of WASPI women; further notes that many of the women concerned had no prior notice that their pensionable age and eligibility was to be pushed back; draws attention to the ongoing injustice of the situation which has placed many women into poverty, even though they had taken all reasonable steps to prepare for their retirement; and calls on the Government to put right this injustice.

**1071 Charity fundraiser Andrew Nicholson**

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 8

David Linden  
 Patrick Grady  
 Jim Shannon  
 Steven Bonnar  
 Chris Law  
 Allan Dorans

Alison Thewliss

That this House commends Glasgow East constituent, Andrew Nicolson, on his fundraising for the Glasgow North East foodbank; congratulates Mr Nicolson on meeting his fundraising goal of £5,000; highlights the fantastic work of Glasgow North East foodbank in providing emergency food parcels to help feed people in crisis, particularly during the covid-19 outbreak; calls attention to the fact that a report from the Trussell Trust has predicted a 61 per cent increase in the distribution of food parcels across its UK network from October to December, working out to approximately six parcels given out every minute; and notes that the fundraiser is open until 30 October 2020 and encourages all to donate to a worthy cause

**1072 Entry into force of Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons**

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 29

Caroline Lucas  
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
 Kirsten Oswald  
 Hywel Williams  
 Tommy Sheppard  
 Jeremy Corbyn

Richard Burgon  
 Drew Hendry

Alison Thewliss  
 John Cryer

Pete Wishart

That this House notes that the United Nations adopted the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in 2017; welcomes confirmation that 50 countries have now ratified this historic agreement which will enter into force in January 2021; further notes that upon entering into force the Treaty will ban nuclear weapons in participating states and generate international momentum

towards global nuclear abolition; considers that the coming into force of this treaty offers the UK an opportunity to engage with an emerging global nuclear disarmament process; further considers that the Government's stated commitment to global nuclear disarmament through its ratification of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, can be put into practice by also supporting this Treaty; and urges the Government to sign the Treaty and to bring forward a credible and timetabled plan for the disarmament of the UK's nuclear weapons.

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### 1073 Historic distillery in East Lothian reopens

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 8

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Alyn Smith**

Alison Thewliss

That this House welcomes the reopening of the historic Glenkinchie distillery located just south of Pencaitland after its refurbishment; understands Barbara Smith, managing director, brand homes for Diageo marked the official opening by planting a ceremonial tree; notes the grounds, that have been landscaped with wildflowers from the nearby Macplants nursery, are an inviting sight for visitors; understands the distillery with its rich history is much loved and cherished by locals and welcomes visitors from near and far to the facilities for tours, experiencing the tastes and smells of Scotland's beloved national drink; notes the refurbishment has been completed after a £1 million investment and was two years in the making as part of a wider investment in whisky tourism in Scotland; further notes the distillery prides itself on specialising and producing lowlands whisky; and we wish all the best to the bright future at Glenkinchie distillery, its team and all those who visit.

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### 1079 Peter Krykant and drug consumption van facility

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 21

**Alison Thewliss**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Ronnie Cowan**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Lloyd Russell-Moyle**

Tommy Sheppard

That this House is concerned to learn that Peter Krykant, who recently set-up a drug consumption van in Glasgow city centre, has been charged and cautioned by Police Scotland; understands that Mr Krykant set up the facility in an attempt to help and support people with addictions; firmly believes that the work he is doing helps to reduce harm and save lives; is grateful for the action taken by a volunteer of the service to save the life of an individual recently by administering Naloxone; is aware that individuals are being driven to these types of interventions as a result of Home Office opposition to the establishment of a Supervised Drug Consumption Facility (SDCF); urges Ministers to view this critical issue not as a criminal justice one, but through the lens of public health and in the context of increasing numbers of drug-related deaths across the UK, in order to properly support people with addictions; and demands that the Government amend the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 immediately to allow for SDCFs to operate legally.

**1080 Ethnicity pay gap reporting**

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 17

**Martyn Day**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Lloyd Russell-Moyle**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**

Alison Thewliss

That this House notes the efforts of Business in the Community to help cross-sector employers better understand ways that ensure the UK workplace is a place that Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) employees, business owners, entrepreneurs and communities feel they belong; further notes the potential benefit to the UK economy is estimated at £24 billion annually if BAME individuals are fully represented across the labour market; notes its concern that racial disparities have been highlighted by the covid-19 pandemic; regrets that leadership and management roles across public and private sectors does not reflect equity of the BAME population; urges the Government to introduce mandatory ethnicity pay gap reporting alongside gender pay gap reporting; and further urges the Government to require employers to set and publish targets so that BAME individuals are better represented at senior levels.

**1084 Immediate return of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and Anoosheh Ashoori to the UK**

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 21

**Layla Moran**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Sarah Olney**  
**Mr Alistair Carmichael**  
**Jamie Stone**  
**Daisy Cooper**

Alison Thewliss

That this House condemns the unjust imprisonment of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and Anoosheh Ashoori; notes the unfair sentencing of Anoosheh to 12 years imprisonment and summoning of Nazanin to court yet again; recognises the difficult and dangerous conditions that Nazanin is facing by being confined to remaining within 300 metres of her parents' house and Anoosheh in prison due to his vulnerability to covid-19; acknowledges the UK's historic role in standing up for British citizens wrongfully detained abroad; and therefore calls on the Government to make representations to the Iranian authorities for the immediate return of both Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and Anoosheh Ashoori to the UK.

**1085 Martin Donaldson's fundraising efforts**

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 10

**David Linden**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Steven Bonnar**  
**Chris Law**  
**Drew Hendry**

Alison Thewliss

Amy Callaghan

That this House congratulates Glasgow East constituent Martin Donaldson on raising over £3,000 for the Celtic FC Foundation and British Heart Foundation; notes that Mr Donaldson cycled nine miles every day for nine weeks, completing a virtual cycle around all Scotland's top flight football grounds from his shed in the East End of Glasgow, covering a distance of 920km; commends Mr Donaldson on undertaking such an intense physical challenge for two worthy causes; and looks forward to Mr Donaldson receiving further donations.

**1086 Delays to NHS fertility services as a result of the covid-19 outbreak**

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 22

**Steve McCabe**  
**Ms Harriet Harman**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Siobhain McDonagh**  
**Layla Moran**  
**Christine Jardine**

Sarah Olney

That this House acknowledges the delays to NHS fertility services caused by the covid-19 outbreak, and the distressing impact of these delays on fertility patients; further notes the imposition of strict female age limits for NHS-funded IVF by CCGs in England, which range from 34 to 42 years old; recognises that in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, commitments have been made to stop the clock for fertility patients to ensure they do not exceed age limits for NHS-funded IVF due to pandemic-related delays; shares concerns raised by BPAS Fertility, the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, the Association of Reproductive and Clinical Scientists and others, that no such directive has been issued in England; further recognises that fertility patients in England are already subject to an unacceptable postcode lottery due to disparities between CCGs' commissioning policies, which commonly diverge from NICE guidance; urges the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to issue guidance to CCGs on the issue of covid-19 delays, to promote a standardised approach across England and offer reassurance to all fertility patients during the pandemic, regardless of where they live; and finally urges the Secretary of State to confirm in said guidance that fertility patients affected by the delays should not be disadvantaged as a result of their age, and no patient who has crossed an age threshold since fertility clinics were instructed to close on 23 March 2020 should be considered ineligible for care on that basis.

**1087 Creating a welfare system that works for disabled people**

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 12

**Hywel Williams**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Lloyd Russell-Moyle**

Sarah Olney

That this House recognises the serious challenges and barriers disabled people face within the welfare system; further recognises the impact that the covid-19 outbreak has had on people with disabilities; notes that research by Scope has found that, on average, disabled people face extra costs of £583 a month; calls on the Government to use the upcoming Welfare Green Paper and National Disability Strategy to ensure that the welfare system works for disabled people by removing conditionality and sanctions for disabled claimants, removing the need for face-to-face assessments and replacing the Work Capability Assessment with a new assessment for financial support and a new, separate and optional assessment of employment support needs; and further calls on the Government to build on the temporary changes made to the welfare system during the covid-19 outbreak to make permanent improvements to the system.

**1097 Robert Fisk**

Tabled: 4/11/20 Signatories: 9

**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Ms Diane Abbott**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Hywel Williams**

Jim Shannon

That this House pays tribute to the contribution of renowned foreign correspondent, Robert Fisk following his death on 30 October 2020; notes that Mr Fisk began his career with the Sunday Express before working for the Times and finishing his career with the Independent; further notes that Mr Fisk reported on conflict around the world, becoming one of the most respected commentators on the Middle East; recognises that during his career, Mr Fisk won the International Reporter of the year on several occasions as well as a host of other awards for his work, including the Orwell prize and the Amnesty International media award; further notes that Mr Fisk was fearless in his reporting, basing his stories on first-hand experience as opposed to what authorities wanted him to report; and notes that his forthright despatches and his willingness to hold power to account will be missed.



**1098 Falkland Islands mine-free declaration**

Tabled: 4/11/20 Signatories: 10

**Andrew Rosindell**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Dr Julian Lewis**  
**Lloyd Russell-Moyle**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Andrew Gwynne**

Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the Falkland Islands will officially be declared mine-free on November 14 2020, fulfilling the UK's commitment of its clearance obligation under the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention; notes that with this declaration the entire UK and her Overseas Territories will be mine-free; pays tribute to the members of the UK armed forces who contributed to mapping, fencing and clearing the minefields between 1982 and 2009 and the de-mining team from SafeLane Global Ltd who between 2009 and 2020 have destroyed over 10,000 mines and other items of unexploded ordnance; and understands that the project has released 23 million square meters of land allowing the access to large areas of ground which had been fenced off for 38 years.

**1099 Duty and tax-free shopping**

Tabled: 4/11/20 Signatories: 31

**Gavin Newlands**  
**Alyn Smith**  
**Alan Brown**  
**Martyn Day**  
**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Allan Dorans**

Alison Thewliss

Amy Callaghan

That this House notes the recent Government consultation on the continuation of duty and tax-free shopping for visitors from outside the EU, including the published summary of responses which indicated a majority of respondents supported the continuation of the VAT Retail Export Scheme (VAT RES) and the airside Extra Statutory Concession (ESC); expresses concern that despite those responses, HM Treasury has indicated that it plans to scrap the RES and ESC schemes at the beginning of 2021; further notes that those schemes support hundreds of jobs at Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Aberdeen Airports and across the wider Scottish retail and aviation sectors at a time when the economy faces its biggest set of challenges since World War Two; understands the removal of RES and ECS will directly result in the loss of hundreds of jobs in Scotland and thousands around the UK; and calls on the Government to abandon its plans to end RES and ECS and engage in real dialogue with businesses and trade unions on how best to support retail and aviation employment in the future.

**1100 Support for hostels**

Tabled: 4/11/20 Signatories: 22

Liz Saville Roberts  
 Hywel Williams  
 Patrick Grady  
 Ben Lake  
 John McDonnell  
 Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Tommy Sheppard

Drew Hendry

That this House notes that hostels have been hit particularly hard by the covid-19 outbreak; further notes that shared spaces, such as bathrooms and kitchens, are often part of a hostel's business model and that this has made operating at full capacity, and even reopening, difficult for many while operating within the necessary public health guidelines; acknowledges that many hostels had viable business models and were flourishing before the covid-19 outbreak; recognises that many hostels play a key part in the rural economy, bringing visitors who support other local businesses; further recognises that in rural areas, hostels are often used by people who intend to take part in outdoor activities and that ensuring that people can still access healthy outdoor holidays at accessible prices will be important after the covid-19 outbreak; stresses that hostels must be supported so that they are ready to open and return to full capacity as soon as restrictions can be lifted; and calls on the Government to underpin health measures with economic support and urgently put packages of support in place for the hostel sector.

**1101 Potential merits of a minimum wage floor in the furlough scheme**

Tabled: 5/11/20 Signatories: 28

Richard Burgon  
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
 Kate Osborne  
 Navendu Mishra  
 Lloyd Russell-Moyle  
 Olivia Blake

Alison Thewliss

That this House notes with deep concern recent data from the Office for National Statistics showing that over 2 million workers have been paid less than the National Minimum Wage this year; further notes that this is a near five-fold increase on 2019; believes that it is unacceptable that anybody is ever paid less than the National Minimum Wage; notes that the ONS figures show that the vast majority of this increase in those paid below the minimum wage is the result of workers being put onto the furlough scheme; and calls on the Government to introduce a floor in the furlough scheme to ensure that no worker is paid less than the National Minimum Wage.

**1104 Disability Discrimination Act 1995**

Tabled: 5/11/20 Signatories: 27

**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Lloyd Russell-Moyle**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Steven Bonnar**  
**Deidre Brock**

Jim Shannon  
 Caroline Lucas

Richard Burgon  
 Amy Callaghan

Alison Thewliss

That this House notes that 25 years ago, on 8 November 1995, the Disability Discrimination Act received Royal Assent; recalls that this landmark piece of legislation was the result of a hard-fought campaign by disabled people, with up to 100,000 disabled activists taking part in direct action, campaigning for equal rights and an end to the kind of societal discrimination that saw wheelchair users regularly banned from bars, cinemas and theatres under the guise of health and safety; records that, under this Act, for the first time, it became unlawful to discriminate against disabled people, as employees, customers and citizens using public transport or getting an education; considers that the Act was an important milestone and a recognition of disability equality and disability rights, but notes that many felt it did not go far enough; recognises that, despite it now being against the law, disabled people are still discriminated against, in work, in public places, for example by assistance dog owners being refused access to restaurants and taxis, and with huge swathes of public transport still inaccessible; and joins disability campaign groups in calling for a fresh look at the future of disability equality and what needs to change in all aspects of society, including what steps are needed to ensure that anti-discrimination laws are backed up by meaningful enforcement.

**1105 Campaign for a real living wage**

Tabled: 5/11/20 Signatories: 47

**Chris Stephens**  
**Lloyd Russell-Moyle**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Steven Bonnar**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Kenny MacAskill**

Richard Burgon  
 Jeremy Corbyn  
 Margaret Ferrier

Nadia Whittome  
 Caroline Lucas

Alison Thewliss  
 Amy Callaghan

That this House welcomes Living Wage Week and the PCS Union campaign for a real living wage for their members working on outsourced Government facilities management contracts; applauds these front line key workers who have continued to work throughout the pandemic making workplaces safe and secure despite being some of the lowest paid workers across Government; is concerned that numerous Government Departments are yet to make the payment of the Living Wage a term of their facilities management framework agreements; is aware that the Cabinet Office Framework Schedule highlights social value and states that public authorities to have regard economic, social and environmental wellbeing in connection with public services contracts; notes that 75 per cent of businesses say the Living Wage has increased motivation and retention rates for employees; and 93 per cent of business have said that the Living Wage has benefited their business; and therefore calls on Government to meet their social value responsibilities and ensure that all Government workers on outsourced facilities management contracts are paid a real living wage.

**1108 Pet travel and tick treatment**

Tabled: 9/11/20 Signatories: 11

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**John McNally**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Jim Shannon**

Allan Dorans

That this House recognises the vital importance of improving the health and welfare of companion animals in the UK; notes with concern that there has been an increase in tick prevalence in the UK; and further notes reports of tick-borne diseases brought to the UK from pets that have recently travelled abroad; notes that the increase of tick-borne diseases could pose a serious danger to human and animal health; and urgently calls on the Government to ensure the re-introduction of compulsory tick treatments for all cats and dogs travelling to the UK from overseas under the Pet Travel Scheme.

**1109 Increase in violence against women in Turkey**

Tabled: 9/11/20 Signatories: 8

**Joanna Cherry**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**

Sir Peter Bottomley

Margaret Ferrier

That this House is extremely concerned about the eroding of women's rights in Turkey and notes the alarming increase of reported assaults and homicide against women over the past year; finds it concerning that that increase has occurred during a global pandemic which disproportionately impacts women economically; is concerned about the growing rhetoric of the Turkish Government and their officials including attacking women's rights and threatening withdrawal from the Council of Europe's Istanbul Convention to tackle violence against women; fears that that rhetoric is leading to an acceptance of violence against women; notes that the abuse of women by security personnel is particularly a feature against Kurdish women and women active in the women's movement, trade unions and opposition political parties; encourages Turkey to implement the four pillars of prevention, protection, prosecution and coordinated policies underpinned in the Istanbul Convention; shows solidarity to those protesting in Turkey to protect women's rights and end the violence against women in their country; and calls on the UK Government to use its international influence to encourage the Turkish regime to end its dangerous rhetoric and fully implement the Istanbul Convention.

**1110 Dismissals of app-based courier and private hire driver workers**

Tabled: 9/11/20 Signatories: 49

**Ian Byrne**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Dan Carden**  
**Zarah Sultana**

Richard Burgon  
 Sir Peter Bottomley  
 John Cryer

Stewart Malcolm McDonald  
 Claudia Webbe

Colum Eastwood  
 Caroline Lucas

That this House condemns the opaque and unjust process by which app-based couriers and private hire drivers working for companies such as UBER and Deliveroo can be blocked permanently from their accounts and thus effectively dismissed from their jobs; recognises that couriers and private hire drivers are key workers who are working on the frontline of the covid-19 pandemic and are often putting their own health at risk in the process; recognises that that practice of dismissal is leaving many key workers on low-incomes facing potential destitution; notes that transparency is lacking both in terms of what is expected of workers in those industries and around the reasons for their dismissal; further notes that workers are facing dismissal and destitution for reasons beyond their control such as technical issues with the company's app; notes that such dismissals can be triggered by unfounded customer allegations or traffic delays, regardless of the worker's length or quality of service; calls for all app-based companies to end unfair dismissals by implementing fair dismissal processes, including a hearing prior to dismissal, and the right to appeal a dismissal with union representation.

**1111 Renters rights in the covid-19 pandemic**

Tabled: 9/11/20 Signatories: 10

**Ms Diane Abbott**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Apsana Begum**

Richard Burgon

Claudia Webbe

That this House notes the dispute between the tenants of Simpson House and Olympic House in Somerford Grove, Stoke Newington and their landlord Yiannakis Theophani (John) Christodoulou who is a Monaco-based British billionaire property developer, the owner of Yianis Group, a privately owned company with a portfolio of residential, hotel, retail and leisure properties in the UK and Europe; further notes the Government advice that As part of our national effort to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak it's important that landlords offer support and understanding to tenants who may start to see their income fluctuate but notes that the renters in Somerford Grove have not had support and understanding from John Christodoulou in line with that Government guidance although they have asked for fair and reasonable rent adjustments from their landlord; notes that, far from entering into negotiations, residents have been harassed and spied on; calls on landlords nationwide to negotiate with tenants experiencing income fluctuations because of the covid-19 pandemic; and further calls on John Christodoulou to enter into negotiations with his tenants for fair and reasonable rent adjustments in the light of the covid-19 pandemic.

**1113 VAT on facemasks and other personal protective equipment**

Tabled: 9/11/20 Signatories: 16

**Ms Diane Abbott**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Zarah Sultana**  
**Apsana Begum**

Sir Peter Bottomley  
 Caroline Lucas

Alison Thewliss

Claudia Webbe

That this House notes that the Treasury has ended VAT exemptions for face masks and other personal protective equipment (PPE); is concerned that increasing the price of masks and other PPE will discourage people from buying and wearing PPE in line with Government guidance; and urges the Government to reinstate the VAT exemption for the duration of the Covid-19 pandemic, as a vital public health measure.

**1115 Advertising-funded media tax credit**

Tabled: 9/11/20 Signatories: 11

**John Nicolson**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**John McNally**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Alyn Smith**  
**Jim Shannon**

Marion Fellows

Amy Callaghan

That this House recognises the importance of commercial radio stations; commends the hard work of those radio stations during the covid-19 pandemic, not only as a reliable source of local news, but also to provide a friendly voice to many people living alone; acknowledges the financial difficulty that a large reduction in advertising spend can cause such radio stations; and calls on the Government to introduce an advertising tax credit for UK advertising-funded media.

**1116 Inflammatory bowel disease**

Tabled: 9/11/20 Signatories: 9

**Jim Shannon**  
**Paul Girvan**  
**Carla Lockhart**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Gavin Robinson**

Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House notes the current challenges facing the 300,000 patients across the UK with inflammatory bowel disease; further notes that inflammatory bowel disease is a chronic and debilitating disease which can have a significant impact on the physical and mental well-being of patients and can also greatly affect social interactions, family life, and a person's work or studies; highlights the variation in NHS care and treatment that inflammatory bowel disease patients receive across the UK; and supports the development of national standards for the care and treatment of

inflammatory bowel disease to improve the quality of life for all patients with that disease across the country.

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**1117 Jim Newell of East Kilbride**

Tabled: **10/11/20** Signatories: **3**

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Alison Thewliss**

That this House celebrates the life of Jim Newell, a proud resident of East Kilbride, after hearing the news of his passing on 28 September 2020 at the age of 83; noting his service to the Royal Navy as a young man and his role in the strike by workers who refused to repair the airplanes of the Pinochet regime in Chile at the Rolls Royce factory in East Kilbride where Mr Newell worked for over 20 years; recognises his contribution to East Kilbride through his founding and tireless support of East Kilbride Thistle Football Team, through his performances as part of the Greenhills Pantomime Club and the Greenhill Male Voice Choir, and as a long standing member of Greenhills Parish Church; and draws particular attention to Jim and his wife Jessie's boundless hospitality and care for people most in need through fostering over 100 children during his lifetime, through which they are truly an example to us all.

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**1118 Bathing water status of the River Thames in Oxford**

Tabled: **11/11/20** Signatories: **2**

**Layla Moran**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House acknowledges the ongoing sewage pollution in the River Thames; expresses concern over the health of people who swim in rivers containing sewage pollution; recognises that the River Thames is the only body of water available to many swimmers at a time when swimming pools have been forced to shut; urges the Government to grant the River Thames Bathing Water status in Oxfordshire; calls on the Government to act against sewage companies dumping sewage into rivers across the UK; and further calls on sewage and water companies to stop dumping waste into the River Thames and other affected rivers prior to Government intervention.

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**1119 Launch of Freeview Accessible TV Guide**

Tabled: **11/11/20** Signatories: **5**

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Marion Fellows**

That this House commends the launch of Freeview's Accessible TV Guide on Channel 555; recognises that this Guide is a key step towards the digital inclusion of people with disabilities, making programmes accessible to those with sight and hearing impairments; notes that this Guide meets all of OFCOM's Electronic Programme Guide requirements for disability inclusion such as incorporating a high contrast user interface, screen magnification and text to speech functionality that allow adaptation to individual requirements; and highlights the fact that this Guide has been developed

in consultation with consumer groups and disability advocacy organisations and is available for free to all UK television users.

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### 1120 Azerbaijan and Armenian peace deal

Tabled: 11/11/20 Signatories: 4

**Bob Blackman**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Martin Vickers**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

That this House welcomes the official signing of the peace agreement between the Governments of Azerbaijan and Armenia; congratulates both sides on reaching that agreement after 30 years of conflict; further welcomes the commitment of both parties to a lasting peace in that region; and wishes to show solidarity with the Azerbaijani people who have been resilient by publicly demonstrating in such huge numbers in support of their right to live in peace in their historical lands.

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### 1121 Iran's Document on Judicial Security

Tabled: 11/11/20 Signatories: 5

**Jim Shannon**  
**Paul Girvan**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Margaret Ferrier**

That this House welcomes the document on judicial security signed by Iran's judiciary chief Ebrahim Raisi; notes the pledges contained within it to ban torture, the use of forced confessions, solitary confinement, illegal police detentions, and other violations of defendants' rights; further welcomes the guaranteed consular access for foreign nationals as an indication of progression for human rights in Iran; and urges the Iranian Government and security forces to implement those changes as a matter of urgency.

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### 1122 Just Transition campaign for offshore oil and gas workers

Tabled: 11/11/20 Signatories: 9

**Grahame Morris**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Ian Mearns**  
**Mike Hill**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**

Claudia Webbe

Mick Whitley

Kate Osborne

That this House welcomes the Offshore report published by Platform London, Friends of the Earth Scotland and Greenpeace based on results from a survey of nearly 1,400 predominantly upstream oil and gas workers on industry conditions and the green energy transition; notes that of those surveyed, 91 per cent had not heard of a Just Transition, 42 per cent had been made redundant or furloughed during the covid-19 pandemic and 81 per cent were considering jobs in other industries, particularly offshore wind, other renewables, decommissioning and carbon capture and storage; is concerned that over 9,000 jobs have been lost across the UK offshore oil and gas sector in 2020



without proper support for retraining and redeployment and that employers estimate a total of 30,000 jobs losses by October 2021; further notes that offshore oil and gas workers continue to face barriers to re-training for jobs in offshore renewables; believes that offshore oil and gas workers' transferrable skills are essential to delivering a just and rapid transition to low and zero emission energy sources; welcomes constructive coalitions between offshore workers, their trades unions and environmental groups in building public support for a Just Transition which puts jobs, skills, livelihoods and public ownership at the centre of tackling existential threats from climate change; and calls on the Government to meet with offshore energy workers, their trades unions and climate groups involved in the Offshore report to enshrine Just Transition measures in the forthcoming North Sea Transition deal.

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**1123 Mr Martin Francis O'Hara**

Tabled: 11/11/20 Signatories: 4

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Margaret Ferrier**

That this House recognises the contribution to public life made by Mr Martin Francis O'Hara, a proud resident of East Kilbride, who in April 2021 will mark forty years of service to the Department of International Development and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO); notes his role in the development, roll out, improvement and maintenance of human resources and payroll IT systems across those Government departments; highlights his role in training those subsequently tasked with implementing IT solutions in Government postings around the world; and draws particular attention to his work in 2013 in Bangladesh, overseeing the completion of the Shapla building which now provides a key base for FCDO teams in that country.