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## Early Day Motions tabled on Monday 11 January 2021

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### New EDMs

#### 1326 Support for hospitality businesses

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 3

**Dr Rupa Huq**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**

That this House notes with alarm that the hospitality sector suffered 297,000 job losses between February and November 2020 according to Office for National Statistics data; recognises the immense efforts and sacrifices hospitality business owners, including many from BME backgrounds, have made to keep their premises covid-19 secure prior to the latest lockdown; observes with concern that many pubs are now on the brink of extinction; believes that the Chancellor of the Exchequer's offer of extra business support does not go far enough, a position echoed by representatives from the CBI, BCC and the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB); urges the Government to extend the job retention scheme to the end of the second quarter and remove the business rate relief cliff edge in April; and calls on the Government to meet UK hospitality representatives to establish a roadmap to recovery for the sector in 2021.

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#### 1327 Congratulating Dorothy Hilsley

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 1

**Kenny MacAskill**

That this House congratulates Dorothy Hilsley who has been awarded an MBE for her services to education in East Lothian; recognises her long service as a primary teacher and headteacher in Musselburgh and Gifford; and applauds her passion for and commitment to the education of the young people of East Lothian over the years.

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**1328 Congratulating Robbie Douglas-Miller**

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 1

**Kenny MacAskill**

That this House congratulates Robbie Douglas-Miller who has been awarded an OBE for services to wildlife conservation in Scotland; recognises his contribution to conserving and improving the biodiversity of East Lothian and further afield; and wishes him continued success in his important work in addressing the climate emergency.

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**1329 Congratulating John Lindsay**

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 1

**Kenny MacAskill**

That this House congratulates John Lindsay who has been awarded a BEM for services to the environment in East Lothian; and recognises his commitment to maintaining and improving the shoreline around and beyond Dirleton.

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**1330 Congratulating Andrew Wildgoose**

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 1

**Kenny MacAskill**

That this House congratulates Andrew Wildgoose who has been awarded a BEM for services to charitable fundraising during the covid-19 outbreak; and recognises and applauds the efforts that he and his colleagues have gone to in raising money and spirits through virtual quiz nights and events throughout the pandemic.

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**1331 Congratulating Professor Petra Wend**

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 1

**Kenny MacAskill**

That this House congratulates Professor Petra Wend who has been awarded a CBE for services to higher education; recognises Professor Wend's decade as Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Queen Margaret University; and notes her commitment to internationalism, echoing a spokesperson for QMU who said that Professor Wend has worked consistently throughout her career as an academic to cross borders, geographically and socially, in order to realise the full potential of the institutions with which she has been associated.

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**1332 Proposed Directors' Income Support Scheme**

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 1

**Angela Crawley**

That this House notes the merits of the proposed Directors' Income Support Scheme (DISS) which is currently under consideration by the HM Treasury; supports the urgent implementation of the proposed DISS which closely follows the structure of the existing Self-Employed Income Support Scheme; recognises that the DISS proposal is based on a company's trading profits of which verification can be self-certified given a director of a limited company has certain duties under law; understands that by taking account of trading profits rather than dividends, the DISS would

allow limited company directors to claim support, unlike previous such Government support schemes; anticipates that the proposed DISS would be secure from fraud or abuse by non-trading companies due to the requirement to claim that support through trading profit; believes that the implementation of that proposed scheme would target companies which intend to continue to trade but which are either impacted by reduced demand or are unable to trade due to the coronavirus outbreak; and considers that the proposed DISS would be a positive step towards helping many of the estimated three million workers forming ExcludedUK who have to date been ineligible for Government support so far established in response to the coronavirus outbreak.

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### 1333 Wellman Cars' covid-19 response

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 1

**Angela Crawley**

That this House notes the contributions made by small businesses in community efforts to tackle the effects of the covid-19 pandemic; understands that, despite challenging financial circumstances, business owners and their staff have gone the extra mile to help the most vulnerable through the covid-19 pandemic; further notes in particular a commitment from Wellman Cars - a taxi company operating in Lanark and Hamilton East - to provide free and safe travel to and from covid-19 vaccination centres; further understands that that taxi scheme is available to all vulnerable and elderly passengers and that the company covers the expense of both the driver and the passenger; and acknowledges the generosity of Wellman Cars and thanks their team for assisting in the efforts to vaccinate the population and help bring an end to the covid-19 pandemic.

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### 1334 PrEP and National HIV Testing Week 2021

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 1

**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**

That this House notes the importance of access to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) in efforts to stop new cases of HIV in the UK; understands PrEP is up to 100% effective at preventing HIV transmission and must be available to all groups who could benefit from it; recognises that local healthcare settings such as pharmacies and GP practices play a key role in public health and should be involved in providing access to PrEP, in particular to women who are less likely to take PrEP despite women accounting for one-third of the total population living with HIV in the UK; notes that National HIV Testing Week takes place on 1 – 7 February 2021 and ending stigma associated with HIV is vital to ensure more people come forward for a HIV test; and calls on the Government to fully implement the recommendations of the national HIV Commission, including the swift publication of the HIV Action Plan which should include measures to increase access to PrEP and provide opt-out HIV testing as standard across the NHS.

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### 1335 COP26 and deep coal mining in the UK

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 1

**Barry Gardiner**

That this House recognises the UK's historic responsibility as host of COP26 to lead by example on the transition to renewable energy and emissions reductions; notes the government's recent commitment to cut emissions by 68% by 2030 and to invest in low-carbon energy solutions in accordance with the advice on the Sixth Carbon Budget given by the Committee on Climate Change; and believes that the Government's refusal to call in Cumbria County Council's approval on the planning application from West Cumbria Mining for a deep coal mine in Whitehaven is a mistake of historic proportion and sends out contradictory signals about the UK's determination to achieve

a strong outcome on emissions reductions as host and President of COP26 and threatens our credibility to lead the negotiations.

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### 1336 Stockport Viaduct

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 8

**Navendu Mishra**  
**Rebecca Long Bailey**  
**Lloyd Russell-Moyle**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Rachel Hopkins**

Grahame Morris

Mick Whitley

That this House acknowledges Stockport Viaduct's heritage status as a Grade II-listed structure, its amenity value and cultural significance for all those that live, work and visit the town; pays tribute to the feat of engineering of John Lowe and architecture of George Watson Buck and the contribution of all those who worked on its construction to create what continues to be one of the largest brick structures in Europe more than 180 years after it was completed; recognises its importance as part of a main artery connecting the North with the South and as a vital link in the plans to create an integrated, modern and accessible public transport system across Greater Manchester and its role in encouraging people to reduce their carbon footprint by using public transport; and calls on Network Rail to finance the extensive cleaning and maintenance that is long overdue to restore the viaduct to its former glory and ensure that it is able to be enjoyed for generations to come.

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### 1337 VAT on reusable period pants

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 1

**Daisy Cooper**

That this House welcomes the zero VAT rating of women's menstrual products, applied from January 2021; commends the recognition that sanitary products are an essential item; regrets that one in 10 girls in the United Kingdom are unable to afford sanitary wear, resulting in detriment to their self-esteem, education and overall quality of life; recognises the sustainability and environmental benefits of reusable menstrual products such as period pants; regrets that such products will continue to attract VAT at the higher rate of 20% and will therefore remain unaffordable for many; calls for a level playing field for reusable menstrual period pants; calls for the Government to improve access to ecological and economical period pants; and urges the Government to update the provisions of HMRC Guidance VAT Notice 701/18 to allow period pants to be zero rated.

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### 1338 US President and Chinese human rights abuses

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 1

**Mr Gregory Campbell**

That this House notes US President-elect Joe Biden is due to be inaugurated on 20 January 2021; further notes ongoing actions of the Chinese authorities which have included the arrest of scores of democracy protestors in Hong Kong, including US citizen John Clancey a human rights lawyer, the enforced detention and brain washing of hundreds of thousands of the minority Muslim Uighur community in China as well as numerous other well documented human rights abuses; and looks

forward to the new US President as the leader of the free world spelling out how he plans to coordinate an international response to these totally unacceptable activities.

## 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.

### 1305 Holocaust Memorial Day 2021

Tabled: 30/12/20 Signatories: 14

**Bob Blackman**  
**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Catherine McKinnell**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Paula Barker**

Jim Shannon  
 Christian Wakeford

Olivia Blake

John Spellar

That this House notes that on 27 January 2021 the UK will observe Holocaust Memorial Day marking the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, where an estimated 1.1 million people were murdered; commemorates the six million victims of the Holocaust; further notes that the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2021 is Be the Light in the Darkness; pays tribute to the commitment of Holocaust survivors and Kindertransport refugees who share their experiences with young people across the country; acknowledges the importance of the Holocaust Educational Trust's work in schools across the UK and in particular the Lessons from Auschwitz project, which has so far given more than 40,000 students and teachers the opportunity to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau; welcomes the establishment of a permanent National Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre adjacent to Parliament; pays tribute to the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust for organising the national Holocaust Memorial Day event; and urges all right hon. and hon. Members to observe that day so that the appalling events of the Holocaust are always understood by future generations.

### 1306 Education of children living in homes where someone is clinically extremely vulnerable during the covid-19 outbreak

Tabled: 30/12/20 Signatories: 10

**Margaret Greenwood**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Rachel Hopkins**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

Jim Shannon

That this House recognises Government guidance states, Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend school; notes that hon. Members cannot underestimate the profound psychological impact that it would have on a child to go to school, come home with covid-19 and infect a family member and for that family member to then die; further notes that for a child to feel that the

death of a family member was their fault would be traumatic in the extreme; regrets that the Government does not hold information centrally on the number of school pupils who live in a household with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable; notes that the Association of Directors of Children's Services estimates that the number of children withdrawn from school for elective home education increased by 38 per cent in England in 2020 and that feedback from responding local authorities to their research indicated that covid-19 health concerns were a primary reason for parents or carers choosing to formally home educate their child in 2020; calls on the Government to bring forward guidance to ensure that children who live in a household where someone is clinically extremely vulnerable are able to learn from home during the covid-19 pandemic if that is what their parents or carers think is best; and further calls on the Government to provide the necessary financial support to schools so that head teachers can facilitate that home learning without having to worry about resource implications.

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### 1307 Touring artists after UK's departure from the EU

Tabled: 30/12/20 Signatories: 13

**John Nicolson**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Law**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Neale Hanvey**

Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the enormous economic and cultural benefit musicians and other touring artists from the EU provide to the UK, and vice versa; further recognises that visa-free travel arrangements are of vital importance to the facilitation of artists touring in other countries; and therefore calls upon the UK Government to agree with the European Union a touring artist visa waiver scheme that would facilitate touring artists travelling between and performing in both the EU and UK without visa requirements.

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### 1312 EU visa system for touring artists and musicians

Tabled: 30/12/20 Signatories: 21

**Dave Doogan**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Law**  
**Owen Thompson**  
**Martin Docherty-Hughes**  
**John Nicolson**

Jim Shannon

Andrew Gwynne

That this House notes with concern that while the deal agreed between the UK and the EU provides exemptions to visa rules for certain workers travelling to different European countries, this does not include artists and musicians; understands this will result in artists having to apply for separate visas for each individual country visited while touring in Europe resulting in significant added cost; further notes that the petition launched by artist Tim Brennan on that matter has exceeded the 100,000 signatures needed to secure a debate in the House; and urges the UK Government to urgently introduce a visa for touring musicians and other artists to facilitate their work across Europe without requiring the need for multiple visas and attendant additional costs.

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**1314 Sage care workers and cleaners**

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 11

**Paula Barker**  
**Rachel Hopkins**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Mick Whitley**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

Jim Shannon

That this House notes with deep concern that domestic staff and care workers employed at Sage Nursing Home, London NW11, are paid below the Real Living Wage at a rate of £8.72 - £9.60 per hour; is appalled that serious health and safety concerns and grievances regarding discriminatory treatment have not been addressed; notes that when staff are sick they receive only 50 per cent of their wages excluding the first day of absence and for a maximum of three weeks, something which forces staff to choose between paying their rent or their health and the health of residents; supports the workers' demands for £12 per hour and parity in sick pay and annual leave with NHS workers; further calls on Sage to recognise the workers' trade union of choice, United Voices of the World; and further calls on central government, local councils and care home providers to work together to put claps and fine words in praise of these key workers into action ensuring workers in care homes up and down the United Kingdom are given parity in pay, sick pay and annual leave with NHS workers and afforded the long overdue respect and dignity that they deserve.

**1315 Societal contribution of supermarket workers**

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 8

**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Chris Law**  
**Steven Bonnar**  
**Ben Lake**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**

Jim Shannon

That this House expresses its appreciation of the efforts of supermarket workers who have continued working in challenging circumstances throughout the pandemic; notes that the ability to keep trading while other outlets have been closed has resulted in bumper sales for supermarket chains and is likely to lead to bumper year-end profits for many companies; considers that supermarket bosses, such as those at ASDA, owe a debt of gratitude to their employees for their efforts; is concerned to hear reports that employees of ASDA, including those at their Barrhead and Newton Mearns stores, having been told that all of its UK stores would close on Boxing Day to give employees the chance to stay at home with their families were then told they faced losing wages or part of their annual holiday entitlement if they took the day off; and urges ASDA management to work with trade unions such as GMB and USDAW who have expressed concern at the company's actions to provide their employees with suitable recognition for their efforts instead of this Scrooge-like non-holiday.

**1316 Support for education support staff during covid-19 outbreak**

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 21

Kim Johnson  
 Paula Barker  
 Mick Whitley  
 Rachel Hopkins  
 Ben Lake  
 John McDonnell

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck  
 Dawn Butler

Jim Shannon

Sir George Howarth

That this House recognises that the invisible workforce of over half a million school support staff, including teaching and classroom assistants, SEND support workers, caterers, cleaners and caretakers have been crucial to keeping schools running throughout the pandemic; notes that they have provided invaluable pastoral and educational support to the most vulnerable children in the face of unprecedented challenges and at great risk to their own safety; Unison, who represent over 350,000 educational support staff, note that these staff are more likely to be Black women, agency workers and on low pay; and calls for the provision of adequate PPE, priority access to vaccination and financial support from the government to ensure that no worker – including agency workers – has to self-isolate or take time off sick on less than their full salary, effectively putting public health at risk by forcing workers to choose between their own health and putting food on the table.

**1317 Deposit Return Scheme**

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 14

Andrew Gwynne  
 Hilary Benn  
 Kevin Brennan  
 Ben Lake  
 Caroline Lucas  
 Liz Saville Roberts

Tracey Crouch

Jim Shannon

That this House notes that the UK is in the midst of a catastrophic waste crisis and that, according to Keep Britain Tidy, over two million pieces of litter are dropped in the UK every day; recognises that drinks containers contribute to the crisis; notes that a Deposit Return Scheme for drinks containers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland will help fight Britain's waste crisis; recognises that Nordic countries have best-in-class Deposit Return Scheme models inclusive of all materials with a deposit fee that varies according to the size and material of the container, and that these countries benefit from recycling rates higher than 90 percent; strongly supports the introduction of a Deposit Return Scheme for England, Wales and Northern Ireland that mirrors the tried and tested Nordic model; and calls on the Government to follow the example of these nations and introduce a world-class scheme in 2023.



**1318 Former miners and covid-19**

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 12

**Jon Trickett**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Ms Diane Abbott**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Ben Lake**  
**John McDonnell**

Jim Shannon

That this House notes a number of former miners suffering from industrial diseases including Chronic Bronchitis, Emphysema and Pneumoconiosis have sadly died from Covid-19; further notes that families of miners are entitled to industrial industry compensation if former miners die of industrial illnesses; expresses concern that the medical history of miners is being overlooked during the Covid-19 crisis, resulting in grieving families being unable to claim industrial industry compensation payments; believes that if former miners die of Covid-19 whilst suffering from an industrial disease, their families are entitled to be compensated; and therefore calls on the Government to urgently address this injustice in order to ensure that industrial diseases are recorded on the death certificate of all ex-miners that have passed away from Covid-19.

**1319 Arrests of democrats in Hong Kong**

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 5

**Andrew Rosindell**  
**Paul Girvan**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House notes with profound concern the sweeping arrests of over 50 democrats in Hong Kong by the Hong Kong Police Force simply for having demonstrated their commitment to democracy by arranging primary elections to inform the process of candidate selection for the now cancelled elections to the Legislative Council; deplores this egregious and heavy-handed clampdown on freedom of expression and basic rights in Hong Kong; reminds the Chinese Communist Party and its puppet administration in Hong Kong that the provisions of the Sino British Joint Declaration on Hong Kong are a binding international treaty, lodged with the United Nations, and continue to apply; calls for the urgent introduction by Her Majesty's Government of targeted sanctions against individuals responsible for the denial of human rights not only in Hong Kong but also in relation to the Uighurs and Falun Gong in mainland China; deeply regrets the willingness of the European Union, against this background of repression, to confirm an investment agreement with China; and urges the European Parliament to stand firm against this decision and so reiterate its commitment to human rights and democracy.

**1320 Death of Jim McLean**

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 10

Stewart Hosie  
 Chris Law  
 Kirsten Oswald  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Stephen Flynn  
 Steven Bonnar

Jim Shannon

That this House notes with sadness the passing of Dundee United legend Jim McLean, the team's most successful manager; recognises the huge contribution Jim made to the club, leading the Arabs to a Premier League win, UEFA Cup final, European Cup semi-final and two league cup wins; pays tribute to the incredible legacy he left in Dundee; and extends its most sincere sympathy to Jim's family, Dundee United and to the tens of thousands of fans in Dundee and across Scotland mourning this loss.

**1321 Student tuition fees and student debt**

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 17

Claudia Webbe  
 John McDonnell  
 Zarah Sultana  
 Ian Lavery  
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
 Grahame Morris

Kate Osamor  
 Jim Shannon

Apsana Begum

Kate Osborne

That this House welcomes the move to online university learning in order to combat the spread of the covid-19 virus; is concerned that the Government took this decision after months of scientific and trade union advice; notes that the University and College Union (UCU) warned against students returning to universities in August 2020 and that on the 26th September 2020 the Government's Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) recommended a shift to online learning unless face-to-face teaching is absolutely essential; is concerned that, according to UCU, there have been over 52,000 positive cases of covid-19 in UK higher and further education institutions; recognises that students have been required to stay in their university halls, which placed an intolerable strain on mental health, and that now students are learning online, thus missing out on the usual university experience, and cannot return to the campuses they are incurring an average of £57,000 worth of debt to attend; believes that the last decade of extortionate tuition fees has been a failed experiment, which has saddled young people with debt, deterred working class people from gaining a higher education and turned our universities into profit-seeking business; and calls on the Government to refund rents, scrap tuition fees, cancel student debt for good and ensure that young people are not punished for seeking an education.

**1322 Covid-19 response and BAME communities**

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 22

**Apsana Begum**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Ms Diane Abbott**  
**Zarah Sultana**  
**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Layla Moran**

Jim Shannon

That this House notes that covid-19 has had a disproportionate effect on those from a Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority (BAME) background; understands that the highest age standardised diagnosis rates of covid-19 per 100,000 population were in people of Black ethnic groups and the lowest were in people of white ethnic groups; acknowledges that the mortality rate from covid-19 among people of Black African descent in English hospitals was 3.5 times higher when compared to rates among white British people; further notes that after accounting for the effect of sex, age, deprivation and region, people of Bangladeshi ethnicity had around twice the risk of death when compared to people of white British ethnicity; recognises that people of Chinese, Indian, Pakistani, other Asian, Caribbean and other Black ethnicity had between 10 per cent and 50 per cent higher risk of death from covid-19 compared to white British people; notes that 95 per cent of doctors who have died were BAME; believes that BAME communities should be prioritised for a vaccine rollout in addition to the other vulnerable groups and healthcare workers; calls on the Government to amend its advice on priority groups for covid-19 vaccination in order to reflect this; and urges the Government to communicate this widely through a range of effective and targeted media.

**1323 Electronic voting in the House of Commons during covid-19 national lockdown**

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 15

**Caroline Lucas**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Ed Davey**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Claire Hanna**  
**Owen Thompson**

Jim Shannon

That this House notes the success of the electronic voting system used by hon. Members in the House of Commons during the first national lockdown to prevent the spread of covid-19 in 2020; notes that MPs who need or want to avoid long distance travel currently have no choice but to use the proxy voting system; believes the proxy system is not the best system for voting in the House of Commons when large numbers of MPs have to use it for a prolonged period of time; further notes that electronic voting is safer than the proxy voting system which results in more hon. Members travelling to London and back; notes the proxy voting system allows an individual whip to cast the votes of 100s of backbenchers at a time and that a recent list indicated that the Government's Deputy Chief Whip was designated to cast proxy votes for 315 MPs; is concerned that used in this way, this is a method of voting that risks the transfer of a degree of power to the whips over voting decisions of backbenchers; hopes the Government does not wish to be seen to be marking its own homework; believes the re-introduction of electronic voting for MPs would be healthier for the democratic scrutiny of the Government as well as being more covid-secure; and calls upon the Government to reinstate electronic voting in divisions for the duration of national lockdown.

**1324 Covid-19 and homelessness**

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 26

**Apsana Begum**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Jon Trickett**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**Paula Barker**

Rachel Hopkins  
 Jim Shannon

Ian Byrne

Richard Burgon

That this House expresses alarm that people experiencing homelessness in England are facing the new covid-19 lockdown without a return of the Everyone In accommodation policy; notes that at the beginning of the pandemic, the Everyone In programme was found by a UCL study to have stopped tens of thousands of people from catching covid-19, protecting them and the general public; is concerned that the injustice of the No Recourse to Public Funds policy, the inadequacies of covid-19 support packages and universal credit, spikes in domestic abuse, and the failure to cap rents and cancel arrears continue to leave more and more people vulnerable to homelessness; and calls on the Government to immediately fund a renewed and unconditional Everyone In programme, as a first step of a comprehensive strategy to support people off the streets for good.

**1325 Universal Credit deductions (No. 2)**

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 15

**Chris Stephens**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Neale Hanvey**  
**Chris Law**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Steven Bonnar**

Jim Shannon

That this House notes that sums deducted from Universal Credit to repay debts, overpayments, and advance payments are a main driver of need for food banks; notes that 41 per cent of Universal Credit claims are subject to deductions averaging £70 per month; notes that after the introduction of a national lockdown in March 2020, the Government suspended for three months the deductions to repay debts and overpayments; notes that the full resumption of deductions since July 2020 has eliminated much of the effect on claimants' living standards of the twelve-month increase in the standard allowance; and calls on the Government to reintroduce its suspension of deductions to repay debts and overpayments, and to introduce with immediate effect its stated policy, which is not due to take effect until October 2021, of easing the rate of deductions from Universal Credit by extending the repayment period for advance payments and lowering the monthly cap on deductions.