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New EDMs

1348 **Seafood exports to the EU**

Tabled: 13/01/21 Signatories: 1

Angela Crawley

That this House notes the additional costs incurred by seafood exporters as a result of Brexit; understands that businesses are now required to meet a number of additional safety standards to transport goods into the European single market; notes the additional administrative burden on exporters alongside the time delay has cost companies in lost contracts, reduced prices for produce, extra costs to meet safety requirements and lost custom; notes that this is compounded by Covid-19 restrictions and additional testing required for drivers to cross the channel; acknowledges commitments from the Government prior to the end of the transition period that exporters would not face disruption as a result of Brexit; believes that leaving the single market and customs union has resulted in exporters losing income at an already challenging time; understands that as a result of the additional logistical challenges, DFDS, a large fish haulage company with bases across the UK, has suspended groupage transportation indefinitely; calls on the UK Government to ensure compensation for seafood exporters that have lost substantially as a result of Brexit and to continue negotiations with the EU to ensure the overly restrictive process is streamlined.

1349 Most Rev Philip Tartaglia, Archbishop of Glasgow, 1951 - 2021

Tabled: 13/01/21 Signatories: 32

Patrick Grady
Ian Blackford
David Mundell
Christine Jardine
Angus Brendan MacNeil
Carol Monaghan

Martin Docherty-Hughes
 David Linden
 Brendan O'Hara
 Owen Thompson
 Kenny MacAskill
 John McNally
 Joanna Cherry
 Neil Gray
 Alison Thewliss

Kirsten Oswald
 Dr Lisa Cameron
 Stewart Malcolm McDonald
 Stuart C McDonald
 Douglas Chapman
 Richard Thomson
 Deidre Brock
 Amy Callaghan
 Allan Dorans

Peter Grant
 Anne McLaughlin
 Martyn Day
 Steven Bonnar
 Chris Stephens
 Marion Fellows
 Angela Crawley
 Patricia Gibson

That this House notes with sadness the sudden death of the Most Reverend Philip Tartaglia, Archbishop of Glasgow, on 13th January 2021; notes that this date is marked in the Catholic Church as the Feast of St Mungo, the founder and first Bishop of Glasgow, and that Archbishop Tartaglia was considered to be the 40th Successor of St Mungo; further notes that the Archbishop served in that position since July 2012, having previously been Bishop of Paisley and, since his ordination as a priest in the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Dennistoun in 1975, had served in a number of parishes in Glasgow and as Rector of the Scots College in Rome; recalls his occasional visits to the Palace of Westminster as Archbishop, including his celebration of Mass in the Crypt Chapel on 21st November 2018, marking the centenary of the Education (Scotland) Act 1918 receiving Royal Assent; notes the many tributes paid to him as a wise theologian, and warm-hearted, gentle and generous shepherd of his flock and pastor of souls; and sends its sincere condolences and deepest sympathy to his family, to the Catholic faithful of the Archdiocese of Glasgow and the wider community of Glasgow and Scotland.

1350 Cervical Cancer Prevention Week (No. 2) (No. 2)

Tabled: 13/01/21 Signatories: 1

Dr Lisa Cameron

This House notes that the week commencing 18th January 2021 is Cervical Cancer Prevention Week, which provides a valuable opportunity to raise awareness of the disease and preventative measures including cervical screenings; recognises that attending cervical screenings is important, but not always easy, and that uncertainty and anxiety around covid-19 has worsened this; emphasises the need to accelerate pilots and research around self-sampling to improve access; highlights that Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust is providing continuous information and support; and encourages all Members to share resources with concerned constituents during this week and in the future.

1351 Congratulating George Parsonage of the Glasgow Humane Society

Tabled: 13/01/21 Signatories: 1

Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates George Parsonage on receiving the Special Recognition Award at the Pride of Scotland Awards 2020; recognises the vital work carried out by Mr Parsonage in preserving human life on the waterways of Greater Glasgow and on the advice and education he provides to

the general public, local authorities and local organisations to ensure their continued safety; thanks Mr Parsonage for his tireless dedication over the last 40 years and for his recovery of over 1,500 souls from Glasgow's River Clyde; and thanks Mr Parsonage for continuing the legacy of his father Ben Parsonage and passing his years of expertise on to his family and the staff and volunteers at Glasgow Humane Society to secure the future of the world's longest surviving lifeboat service.

1352 Celebrating City of Glasgow College's 10-year anniversary

Tabled: 13/01/21 Signatories: 1

Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates the City of Glasgow College on their 10-year anniversary; thanks them for the invaluable opportunities, skills and knowledge they have provided to over 100,000 graduates over the past decade; recognises the excellence in architecture exemplified by the college and the many national awards they have received for infrastructure projects; celebrates the support that the college has provided to students affected by the pandemic, including £1.3 million of investment in digital support and the delivery of 2,000 laptops through the Student Laptop Loan Scheme; and acknowledges the invaluable role the college will play in shaping and supporting the covid-19 recovery through upskilling and reskilling our communities.

1353 Celebrating the work of Scottish Ballet

Tabled: 13/01/21 Signatories: 1

Alison Thewliss

That this House celebrates the creativity of Scottish Ballet who embraced the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic and delivered a truly successful digital Christmas Season over the 2020 festive period; acknowledges the innovation of filmmakers Jessica Wright and Morgann Runacre-Temple in developing the Secret Theatre Christmas Special that brought the magic of the theatre into people's homes and thanks all of the performers, technicians and organisers for bringing the piece to life; appreciates Scottish Ballet's involvement in YouTube's 12 Days of Culture programme that offered free online access to their works over Christmas; recognises their commitment to addressing and removing racist stereotypes from ballet, in particular for the work they have done to improve representation of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller culture within their production of the Snow Queen; and finally thanks Scottish Ballet for continuing to nurture and promote young talent and for ensuring that Glasgow continues to be a centre for excellence in the arts.

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: 18

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

Alison Thewliss

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.

1307 Touring artists after UK's departure from the EU

Tabled: 30/12/20 Signatories: 16

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

Alison Thewliss

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.

1309 UK and EU Administrative Defence Agreement

Tabled: 30/12/20 Signatories: 20

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Carol Monaghan
Angela Crawley
Dave Doogan
Owen Thompson

Hannah Bardell

That this House recognises that an Administrative Defence Agreement with the EU would allow the Ministry of Defence (MOD) transparency on the defence projects and activities of the EU, giving the MOD maximum notice, visibility and details on which to base its decisions on participation in specific projects and programmes; calls on the Government to enter into immediate discussions and deliberations with EU allies to facilitate and agree a UK and EU Administrative Defence Agreement at the earliest opportunity.

1310 50th anniversary of the Ibrox disaster

Tabled: 30/12/20 Signatories: 43

Chris Stephens
Peter Grant
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Steve McCabe
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss

Hannah Bardell

That this House notes that 2 January 2021 will be the 50th anniversary of the Ibrox disaster which killed 66 people and injured over 200 people; notes that this was the worst football disaster in Britain until the Hillsborough disaster in 1989; notes that all 66 who died on 2 January 1971 were aged under 50 years of age, including five schoolmates from the town of Markinch in Fife; remembers all those who died and expresses continued sympathies and prayers with the families who lost loved ones; and further notes that the disaster is commemorated with a statue at Ibrox stadium; recognises the major changes to football stadia design and standards and that spectator safety is always paramount in enjoying sport.

1311 EU ban on Scottish seed potato exports

Tabled: 30/12/20 Signatories: 11

Dave Doogan
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Martin Docherty-Hughes
Joanna Cherry
Neale Hanvey

Alison Thewliss

That this House notes with dismay the damaging effect that the UK leaving the EU is set to have on Scotland's vital seed potato sector by virtue of the UK's trade deal with the EU; understands that conventionally around 22,000 tonnes of Scottish seed potatoes, which are highly regarded internationally for their high plant health status, are exported to the EU and Northern Ireland each

year; regrets that from 1 January 2021 Scottish seed potatoes will be banned from being exported to the EU and Northern Ireland; further notes that Scotland accounts for 75 per cent of UK seed potato production and 80 per cent of exports; and calls on the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to urgently provide support for that vital sector.

1312 EU visa system for touring artists and musicians

Tabled: 30/12/20 Signatories: 26

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

Claire Hanna

Alison Thewliss

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.

1313 Scottish fishing and the effects of the UK-EU Trade and Co-operation Agreement

Tabled: 30/12/20 Signatories: 17

Deidre Brock
Stewart Hosie
Patricia Gibson
Allan Dorans
Kirsten Oswald
Dave Doogan

Alison Thewliss

That this House notes that the UK-EU Trade and Co-operation Agreement ties UK fishing fleets into a continuing Common Fisheries Policy with quotas of total allowable catch being allocated through agreement with the EU which will mean decreasing allowable catches for Scottish boats; further notes that any termination of the fishing heading will also terminate the agreements on trade, aviation and transport under FISH17; considers that fishing communities will consider this a betrayal and that the promised Seas of Opportunity have become lost opportunities; and calls on the Government to address the concerns of the Scottish fishing industry on fishing quotas.

1315 Societal contribution of supermarket workers

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 11

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

Neale Hanvey

Alison Thewliss

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: 24

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

Claudia Webbe

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.

1318 Former miners and covid-19

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 15

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

Claudia Webbe

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.

1320 Death of Jim McLean

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 13

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

Hannah Bardell

Alison Thewliss

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: 20

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

Caroline Lucas

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.

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

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 20

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

Claudia Webbe

Hannah Bardell

Alison Thewliss

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.

1325 Universal Credit deductions (No. 2)

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 18

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

Alison Thewliss

Richard Thomson

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.

1326 Support for hospitality businesses

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 25

Dr Rupa Huq
Caroline Lucas
Sir Peter Bottomley
Clive Lewis
Navendu Mishra
Jonathan Edwards

Claudia Webbe
 Jim Shannon
 John McDonnell
 Alison Thewliss

Rosie Cooper
 Zarah Sultana
 John Cryer

Jamie Stone
 Kate Osborne
 Beth Winter

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.

1327 Congratulating Dorothy Hilsley

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 5

Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Neale Hanvey
Alison Thewliss

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.

1328 Congratulating Robbie Douglas-Miller

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 5

Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Neale Hanvey
Alison Thewliss

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.

1329 Congratulating John Lindsay

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 5

Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Neale Hanvey
Alison Thewliss

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.

1330 Congratulating Andrew Wildgoose

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 5

Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Neale Hanvey
Alison Thewliss

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.

1331 Congratulating Professor Petra Wend

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 5

Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Neale Hanvey
Alison Thewliss

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.

1332 Proposed Directors' Income Support Scheme

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 9

Angela Crawley
Ben Lake
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Caroline Lucas
John McDonnell

Hannah Bardell

Neale Hanvey

Alison Thewliss

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.

1333 Wellman Cars' covid-19 response

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 6

Angela Crawley
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
John McDonnell
Hannah Bardell
Alison Thewliss

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.

1334 PrEP and National HIV Testing Week 2021

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 9

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Clive Lewis
Navendu Mishra
Ian Lavery
Paula Barker
Rachel Hopkins

Claudia Webbe

Jim Shannon

John McDonnell

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.

1336 Stockport Viaduct

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 9

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

Jim Shannon

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.

1337 VAT on reusable period pants

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 11

Daisy Cooper
 Paula Barker
 Wendy Chamberlain
 Claudia Webbe
 Sarah Olney
 Jim Shannon

John McDonnell
 Tim Farron

Ed Davey
 Alison Thewliss

Sir Mike Penning

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.

1338 US President and Chinese human rights abuses

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 4

Mr Gregory Campbell
 Gavin Robinson
 Jim Shannon
 John McDonnell

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 co-ordinate an international response to these totally unacceptable activities.

1339 Tech industry unionisation

Tabled: 12/01/21 Signatories: 21

Clive Lewis
 Claudia Webbe
 Jonathan Edwards
 Rachel Hopkins
 John McDonnell
 Navendu Mishra

Mick Whitley
 Ian Mearns
 Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Mr Virendra Sharma
 Rebecca Long Bailey
 Jon Cruddas

Martyn Day
 Paula Barker
 Dan Carden

John Cryer
Olivia Blake

Kevin Brennan
Kate Osborne

Beth Winter
Kim Johnson

That this House welcomes and celebrates the creation of the Alphabet Workers Union and the unionisation of hundreds of Google workers in Silicon Valley; condemns the victimisation and harassment of any worker that is seeking to have their basic right to organise and collective bargaining recognised, and aggressive behaviour by companies in the tech industry that dissuades and prevents workers from unionising; notes that Google hired a consultancy known for anti-union activity, and the US National Labor Relations Board's complaint against Google which includes accusations of illegally spying on employees, and firing employees for attempting to unionise; recognises the growing power of the tech industry, its expansion into civic space, and the largely unregulated control tech companies have over online speech, privacy, and personal data; supports the extension of democracy into workplaces through unionisation and the progressive influence workers can have on tech companies; and calls on the Secretary of State for International Trade and President of the Board of Trade to publicly support Google's employees in trade negotiations with the US Government, and to advocate in these negotiations that the USA raises its labour standards and strengthens the rights of all workers, including the right to unionise.

1340 Fetal pain

Tabled: 12/01/21 Signatories: 3

Carla Lockhart
Paul Girvan
Jim Shannon

That this House welcomes the report on Foetal Sentience and Pain commissioned by the all-party Parliamentary pro-life group; recognises that recent research by Dr Stuart WG Derbyshire and John C Bockmann PA in the Journal of Medical Ethics supports the view that babies in the womb may feel pain from as early as 12 weeks' gestation; welcomes the provision of pain relief for babies in the womb undergoing surgery for spina bifida between 20 and 26 weeks' gestation; regrets the inconsistency in NHS practice that recommends pain relief for spina bifida surgery from 20 weeks' gestation but not for abortion at the same gestation; notes that the killing of protected animals from two-thirds of gestation is subject to tighter legal regulation than unborn humans being aborted from the same stage of development; and calls on the Government to review its official guidance on fetal pain, requiring that pain relief be provided from at least 12 weeks' gestation for all invasive medical procedures involving babies in the womb, including abortion.

1341 Scaling the UK hydrogen economy

Tabled: 12/01/21 Signatories: 2

Alexander Stafford
Jim Shannon

That this House welcomes the Government's commitment to green hydrogen to help the UK achieve net zero emissions by 2030 as announced in the Prime Minister's ten-point plan for the environment; notes that reforming the current Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation (RTFO) will allow the UK to meet the Prime Minister's target of 5GW of low-carbon hydrogen production by 2030; believes that the UK must take every opportunity leaving the EU provides and reform the RTFO to allow electrolyzers that produce green hydrogen to connect to existing wind farms rather than wait to connect to new wind farms currently under construction; and notes that this change will hasten the scaling of the UK's hydrogen economy.

1342 The death of Mohamud Mohammed Hassan

Tabled: 12/01/21 Signatories: 6

Liz Saville Roberts
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Claudia Webbe
John McDonnell
Alison Thewliss

That this House mourns the death of Mohamud Mohammed Hassan following his release without charge from police custody in Cardiff on 9 January 2020; offers its deepest condolences to Mr Hassan's family and friends; notes that South Wales Police has, as is standard practice following a death after police contact, self-referred to the Independent Office for Police Conduct; calls for a full and transparent investigation into the circumstances of Mr Hassan's death; recognises legitimate concerns arising from evidence that people of Black and Ethnic Minority ethnicity die at a disproportionately higher rate as a result of the use of force or restraint by police; and calls for systematic and institutional change to end racial discrimination within the criminal justice system.

1343 Lochend Community High School competition winners

Tabled: 12/01/21 Signatories: 7

David Linden
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Hannah Bardell
Allan Dorans
Neale Hanvey

Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates pupils at Lochend Community High School for winning the Cityfibre business prize; notes that students created a line of eco-friendly scented wax melts, winning the top prize; applauds the fact that the wax melt products have also been included in packs given out by local charities, including PEEK and FARE Scotland; praises Cityfibre for sponsoring the social media training for students through the Young Enterprise Scotland Company Programme; and commends the students for their creativity and entrepreneurship.

1344 45th anniversary of the Kingsmill massacre

Tabled: 12/01/21 Signatories: 3

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Sir Mike Penning

That this House notes the passing of the 45th anniversary of the Kingsmill massacre; extends again thoughts and prayers to the families continuing to live without husbands, fathers and sons; reaffirms the desire to find justice for these families; and affirms the commitment to liaising with counterparts in the Republic of Ireland on the alleged collusions which allowed perpetrators to cross the border without fear of arrest or conviction.

1345 Travellers' Allowances and Miscellaneous Provisions

Tabled: 12/01/21 Signatories: 6

Ian Blackford
 Alison Thewliss
 Gavin Newlands
 Kirsten Oswald
 Patrick Grady
 Chris Law

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Travellers' Allowances and Miscellaneous Provisions (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1412), dated 3 December 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 3 December 2020, be annulled.

1346 Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules

Tabled: 12/01/21 Signatories: 11

Ian Blackford
 Stuart C McDonald
 Kirsten Oswald
 Joanna Cherry
 Kenny MacAskill
 Patrick Grady

Chris Law
 Allan Dorans

Hannah Bardell
 Alison Thewliss

Amy Callaghan

That the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (House of Commons Paper No. 1043), a copy of which was laid before this House on 10 December, be disapproved.

1347 Cutaneous T-cell lymphoma

Tabled: 12/01/21 Signatories: 5

Jim Shannon
 Paul Girvan
 John McDonnell
 Sir Mike Penning
 Alison Thewliss

That this House notes the rare blood cancer, Cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL) is a serious and potentially life-threatening cancer that affects the skin, blood, lymph nodes and internal organs; recognizes that people living with the disease have a substantially reduced quality of life; highlights that living with a diagnosis of mycosis fungoides or Sézary syndrome, two subtypes of CTCL, is challenging, both from a symptoms management and psycho-social point of view; emphasizes the poor prognosis for people diagnosed with an advanced stage of the condition; and calls for greater awareness of this disease and more equitable access to treatment and care for those living with this rare, debilitating haematological malignancy.