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New EDMs

1388 **Plastic waste exports**

Tabled: 21/01/21 Signatories: 1

Sarah Olney

That this House notes that UK exports of unsorted plastic waste to non-OECD countries are allowed when given prior informed consent; further notes that from 1 January 2021, the EU no longer allows that practice; recognises that a ban on plastic exports outside of developed countries was a commitment in the 2019 Conservative Party Manifesto; and is concerned that continuation of global trade in plastics could mean the UK exports plastic waste to lower income countries instead of taking responsibility for its own refuse.

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.

1332 Proposed Directors' Income Support Scheme

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 20

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

Alyn Smith

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 who have to date been ineligible for Government support so far established in response to the coronavirus outbreak.

1337 VAT on reusable period pants

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 24

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

Dr Lisa Cameron

Alyn Smith

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.

1342 The death of Mohamud Mohammed Hassan

Tabled: 12/01/21 Signatories: 12

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

Kevin Brennan

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: 10

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

Douglas Chapman

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.

1348 Seafood exports to the EU

Tabled: 13/01/21 Signatories: 18

Angela Crawley
Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Joanna Cherry
Mohammad Yasin

Alyn Smith

Chris Stephens

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.

1351 Congratulating George Parsonage of the Glasgow Humane Society

Tabled: 13/01/21 Signatories: 18

Alison Thewliss
Margaret Ferrier
Patrick Grady
Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon

Chris Stephens

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: 16

Alison Thewliss
Patrick Grady
Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Douglas Chapman

Chris Stephens

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 BalletTabled: **13/01/21** Signatories: **22**

Alison Thewliss
Margaret Ferrier
Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans
John Nicolson
Jim Shannon

Chris Stephens

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.

1357 H100 Fife and the green hydrogen projectTabled: **14/01/21** Signatories: **8**

Peter Grant
Owen Thompson
Allan Dorans
Neale Hanvey
Chris Law
Alison Thewliss

Douglas Chapman

That this House congratulates SGN on securing funding from the Scottish Government and Ofgem to deliver H100 – Fife, the first project of its kind in the world which will see customers being offered 100 per cent green hydrogen energy to heat their homes; notes that the project will initially benefit around 300 homes and in time will increase to provide energy to heat 1000 homes; further notes that the project has the potential to create over 200,000 green jobs and attract over £170 billion of private sector investment globally; recognises that H100 – Fife will provide critical evidence for hydrogen's role in the pathway to net zero; notes that the project will lay the foundations for a large-scale rollout of hydrogen through the gas grid to help achieve net zero by 2045 in Scotland; and welcomes the decision for this project to be undertaken in Methil to continue to progress towards a more sustainable society by establishing the UK's first hydrogen town by the end of the decade.

1358 InchDairnie Distillery in Kinglassie and innovations in sustainability

Tabled: 14/01/21 Signatories: 7

Peter Grant
Allan Dorans
Neale Hanvey
Chris Law
Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon

Douglas Chapman

That this House congratulates InchDairnie Distillery in becoming the first single malt distillery in Scotland to publish its Carbon Footprint Report in order to encourage debate on how carbon footprints for the whisky industry should be calculated; recognises that in publishing that report, with assistance from Scottish Enterprise, they aim to push for a consistent approach to sustainability across the whisky industry; further congratulates InchDairnie Distillery on being awarded £71,812 in funding from the UK Government's Green Distilleries Phase 1 competition so that they can develop their feasibility study, Decarbonising the InchDairnie Distillery; notes their support for the Scottish Whisky Association's environmental strategy and praises their endeavours in helping to achieve the aims set out in that plan; highlights the collection of rainwater and recycling waste energy as some of the ways the distillery aims to achieve this; and commends John Fergus and Company on their efforts in making InchDairnie Distillery a sustainable business, leading the way for the whisky industry to contribute to the UK and Scotland's net zero targets.

1359 Statutory Sick Pay uplift

Tabled: 14/01/21 Signatories: 16

Liz Saville Roberts
Claudia Webbe
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards
Mohammad Yasin
Patricia Gibson

Chris Stephens

That this Houses notes that Statutory Sick Pay is currently £95.85 per week, which is one of the lowest rates in Europe; further notes that this is approximately 19 per cent of average UK weekly earnings; expresses concern at research conducted on behalf of the TUC which suggests that approximately one fifth of workers forced to self-isolate during the covid-19 outbreak and unable to work from home have received no sick pay or wages; recognises that ensuring workers have the financial support necessary to self-isolate is vital for the effectiveness of the test, trace and isolate system; further recognises that Wales has been under full lockdown since 20 December 2020; is concerned that the UK Government has yet to confirm the continuation of the universal credit uplift; and calls on the Government to immediately increase Statutory Sick Pay to the level of the Real Living Wage and commit to the continuation of the universal credit uplift.

1361 Access to cash during the covid-19 outbreak

Tabled: 14/01/21 Signatories: 21

Jamie Stone
Margaret Ferrier
Owen Thompson
Patricia Gibson
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Hywel Williams

Chris Stephens

That this House commends the LINK commitment to replace all free-to-use ATMs within their network during the covid-19 pandemic; in addition acknowledges that cuts to the interchange fee have led to the closure of thousands of free-to-use ATMs; notes that this has affected rural communities most profoundly as alternative sources of cash demand a consumer-met fee or are bound by the closing hours of stores or post offices; further notes that this disproportionately affects the vulnerable and older populations who are increasingly becoming excluded from their local economies as long-distance travel for cash or the use of digital monies is unviable; and calls on the Government to work with the Payment Systems Regulator and Financial Conduct Authority to devise a tiered or zoned interchange fee to ensure that ATM infrastructure funding is distributed fairly throughout the UK and protects ATMs in all communities, despite their population and withdrawal volume levels.

1362 Sight loss helpline

Tabled: 14/01/21 Signatories: 12

Owen Thompson
Steven Bonnar
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Patricia Gibson
Anne McLaughlin

Douglas Chapman

That this House welcomes the launch of a new helpline providing support to people with sight loss and their families in the Lothians; notes that the helpline is part of Sight Scotland's new Family Wellbeing Service, which aims to tackle an identified gap in support as the charity reaches out to even more people affected by sight loss in Scotland; and encourages people affected by sight loss, as well as carers, friends and families who have a loved one affected by sight loss to contact that helpline.

1364 Emeritus Bishop of Dunkeld Diocese Vincent Logan, 1941-2021

Tabled: 18/01/21 Signatories: 11

Dave Doogan
Kirsten Oswald
Amy Callaghan
Brendan O'Hara
Allan Dorans
Martin Docherty-Hughes

Chris Stephens

That this House notes with sadness the death of Emeritus Bishop of Dunkeld Diocese Vincent Logan at the age of 79, recognises that Dunkeld Diocese covers parishes across Angus, Dundee, Perthshire, Clackmannanshire and North East Fife; understands that Bishop Logan's passing followed the day after the Archbishop of Glasgow, Philip Tartaglia, also passed away; notes that Bishop Logan was, upon his episcopal ordination in 1981 at the age of 39, once one of the youngest bishops in the world and commends the compassion and energy that he brought to his position; and extends its sympathy and condolences to all in the Diocese of Dunkeld who knew and were close to Bishop Logan including his successor Bishop Stephen Robson and to the wider Scottish Catholic community who have experienced two sad and significant losses in a very short space of time.

1365 Fuel poverty (No. 2)

Tabled: 18/01/21 Signatories: 24

Kim Johnson
Claudia Webbe
Rachel Hopkins
Paula Barker
Mick Whitley
Navendu Mishra

Zarah Sultana

Kenny MacAskill

Chris Stephens

That this House notes that recent research from the Citizens Advice Bureau has identified that more than 2 million households are behind on their energy payments, with a quarter of all energy customers worried that they won't be able to pay their bill this winter; further notes that before the pandemic 1 in 10 households in the UK were already living in fuel poverty; notes that during the last lockdown energy bills soared by an estimated 37 per cent, and that this lockdown they will likely go higher due to winter weather; further notes that children in low income families are faced with additional barriers to their education by studying in freezing homes as parents struggle with the financial burdens of round the clock fuel bills; and calls on the Government to offer immediate debt relief to all households most in need by extending the winter fuel payment to all families receiving Universal Credit and on furlough during the lockdown, and to commit to permanently extending the £20 Universal Credit uplift.

1367 Leicester's garment industryTabled: **18/01/21** Signatories: **16**

Claudia Webbe
Apsana Begum
Richard Burgon
Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Kate Osborne
Zarah Sultana

Chris Stephens

That this House is appalled by the resurgence of attention on the scandal of workplace exploitation and failure to pay the national minimum wage in Leicester's garment industry; expresses alarm that successive governments have been aware of this exploitation for over a decade yet have failed to act; is concerned that little action has been taken in 2020 to protect workers in Leicester's garment industry; calls on Boohoo and other large garment corporations to sign the Transparency Pledge, end the race to the bottom in its supply chain and recompense underpaid workers; is shocked by The British Retail Consortium's estimation that workers in Leicester's apparel manufacturing are underpaid a total of £2.1 million per week; calls on HMRC to investigate the extent of money laundering and VAT fraud within the sector; urges the government to reverse the underfunding of regulatory institutions including HMRC, the HSE and local authorities; further urges the government to introduce legislation to regulate the fashion retailer purchasing practices; calls for the GLAA to establish a firewall between immigration enforcement and employment rights enforcement; recognises that Trade Unions are the best line of defence against workplace exploitation and the need for unions to be granted access to workplaces, be involved in labour market inspections and for the scope of collective bargaining rights to be widened; and calls on private companies, regulatory bodies and the Government to begin approaching this crisis with the ambition and urgency it demands.

1368 Samaritans Brew MondayTabled: **18/01/21** Signatories: **10**

David Linden
Steven Bonnar
Amy Callaghan
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Drew Hendry

Alyn Smith

Chris Stephens

That this House praises the Samaritans' Brew Monday campaign which is raising awareness for the impact of Blue Monday, the third Monday in January, which typically causes low mental health for many people; highlights the effects of the covid-19 pandemic and lockdown on people's mental health, with many people experiencing isolation and loneliness; encourages people to meet virtually over a cup of tea and a conversation; understands the importance of connecting over the phone to our friends, family and colleagues at this tough time; and reassures that despite this tough time there is hope ahead and light at the end of the tunnel with the covid-19 vaccination scheme.

1370 Made in Midlothian grant award

Tabled: 18/01/21 Signatories: 7

Owen Thompson
Allan Dorans
Drew Hendry
Chris Law
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens

Douglas Chapman

That this House congratulates Made in Midlothian on being awarded £30,000 from Creative Scotland's Youth Arts Small Grants Scheme; notes that Made in Midlothian is a Community Interest Company set up to help members of the community enjoy, explore and celebrate the creative arts in Midlothian; further notes that this award is part of the Scottish Government Covid-19 Emergency Fund to support the arts; understands that the award will be delivered in partnership with Midlothian Voluntary Action to support artists in applying and connecting with local groups to provide arts activities; and looks forward to Made in Midlothian's plans to deliver a digital showcase in March 2022 to celebrate the creations from the programme.

1372 UK citizenship for the Windrush generation

Tabled: 18/01/21 Signatories: 29

Dawn Butler
Claudia Webbe
Carol Monaghan
Zarah Sultana
Kate Osborne
Margaret Ferrier

Jamie Stone

Claire Hanna

Chris Stephens

That this House deplores the Home Office's treatment of those of the Windrush Generation and their families; notes that many residents through no fault of their own still await the restoration of citizenship; further notes that many are still waiting for compensation for the actions made by the Home Office such as the destruction of landing cards; notes that due to these mistakes many of the Windrush Generation have been unfairly deported or detained, lost employment, denied access to the NHS and refused re-entry to the UK; and calls on the Government to immediately reinstate citizenship to all UK residents of the Windrush Generation, whilst their cases are ongoing, in order for them to access the basic fundamental services they had previously.

1374 Reduction of the Small Brewers Relief

Tabled: 18/01/21 Signatories: 12

Olivia Blake
Claudia Webbe
Jonathan Edwards
Rachel Hopkins
Navendu Mishra
Ian Lavery

Clive Lewis

That this House believes the proposed reduction in Small Brewers Relief for brewers below 5,000 hectolitres and the introduction of a cash basis will be disastrous for Britain's internationally

renowned craft brewery industry; notes that the introduction of Small Brewers Relief in 2002, designed to enable small breweries to compete with multinationals to compensate for a lack of market access and to encourage diversity in a heavily monopolised market, led to a flourishing, hugely successful, diverse and exciting British industry; further believes that this proposal risks undoing all the benefits of Small Brewers Relief over the last two decades and could be the death knell for the industry; recognises that this will threaten thousands of jobs, a national industry of great value and consumer choice; is deeply concerned that this will add to the already enormous pressures the industry is facing, recognising that due to the covid-19 outbreak and its impact on the closely related industry of hospitality, beer sales have fallen by 80 per cent and two small breweries are going out of business every week; finds it shocking that the Government's technical consultation on Small Brewers Relief fails to take into account the tremendous impact of covid-19 on the industry; is concerned that the Treasury itself acknowledges that there are significant issues in how production cost data was gathered; and believes that, if the problem identified in the consultation is the challenges faced by medium sized brewers in a market dominated by multinationals, legislation that makes it harder for small brewers to compete is not a solution to this.

1375 Jobs at Rolls-Royce Barnoldswick

Tabled: **18/01/21** Signatories: **24**

Grahame Morris
Mick Whitley
Ian Byrne
Navendu Mishra
Jon Trickett
Paula Barker

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Unite the union for striking a landmark deal with Rolls-Royce in Barnoldswick, Lancashire, saving 350 jobs threatened with off-shoring and securing the future of this historic site; notes that this deal marks the successful conclusion of a determined campaign by the workforce with full support from the local community, including nine weeks of targeted strike action; further notes this deal will give the Barnoldswick site, the birthplace of the jet engine, a new lease of life as a core manufacturing facility and host to a centre of excellence, training tomorrow's engineers to meet the challenges of the climate emergency; praises the bravery, dedication and resilience of the Barnoldswick workforce, who are among the most highly skilled engineers in the world; believes this successful outcome demonstrates the critical role of trade unions in fighting for investment in high-quality manufacturing jobs in the UK; and calls on the Government to safeguard and support the Barnoldswick site as a springboard for future opportunities in engineering excellence.

1376 UK-EU travel for touring musicians and performers

Tabled: 19/01/21 Signatories: 11

Neale Hanvey
 Ronnie Cowan
 Chris Law
 Jim Shannon
 Alison Thewliss
 Allan Dorans

Steven Bonnar
 Chris Stephens

Alyn Smith
 Douglas Chapman

Kenny MacAskill

That this House condemns the UK Government's failure to secure reciprocal visa-free and frictionless UK/EU travel for touring musicians and performers as part of the Brexit negotiations; notes that such artists have suffered significantly this year as work, touring and related income has largely ceased due to Covid-19; acknowledges the impact already being felt by small bands including the collapse of reciprocal tours by Fife band, Aye Hobos, German band, The Berlin Blackouts and many others; recognises the creation of such barriers, additional costs and bureaucracy will negatively impact the sector's recovery; further recognises the implications this failure has for performers from the EU, who will also be required to obtain costly visas, provide proof of savings and to provide evidence of sponsorship from an event organiser to perform in the UK; registers the risk to Scotland's international reputation as an open, welcoming and outward looking country by stymying our world-leading festivals ability to attract international guests; and calls on the UK Government to negotiate reciprocal visa-free travel between the UK and EU for touring musicians and performers as a matter of urgency.

1377 Pride of Scotland Award for Community Heroes: Bute community and Syrian refugees

Tabled: 19/01/21 Signatories: 8

Brendan O'Hara
 Drew Hendry
 Chris Law
 Jim Shannon
 Alison Thewliss
 Allan Dorans

Chris Stephens

Douglas Chapman

That this House congratulates the community of Bute on winning the TSB Community Heroes award at the Pride of Scotland awards 2020, for the support and kindness shown to Syrian refugees fleeing their war torn country and seeking to make a new life in Scotland; recognises that the people of Bute opened their hearts to the Syrian families, many of who were suffering from trauma and had to flee with little or no possessions, by providing them with both emotional and practical support throughout; acknowledges the vital role played by Argyll and Bute Council's Refugee Resettlement Group in coordinating an island wide, multi-agency response to integrate the Syrian families into the local community; recognises that many Syrian families are now happy and settled on the island with some running their own successful businesses, others finding employment in local industries and young people attending local schools before moving on to further and higher education; recognises that the people of Bute have led the way in demonstrating that people from different cultures living together serves only to enrich a community; and calls on the UK government to look to Bute as a positive, shining example of what can happen when a community comes together to provide refuge to people whose lives are in danger in their own country.

1378 Award of the George Cross to the NHS

Tabled: 19/01/21 Signatories: 8

Simon Hoare
Jim Shannon
Sir Mike Penning
Robert Halfon
Kevin Brennan
Wera Hobhouse

Paul Girvan Daisy Cooper

That this House believes that the George Cross should be awarded to the National Health Service in recognition of its heroic role during the covid-19 pandemic; and urges the Government to make that award.

1380 Medical research and development teams' work on the covid-19 vaccine and other matters

Tabled: 20/01/21 Signatories: 5

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Steven Bonnar
Sir Mike Penning

That this House notes the tremendous work undertaken by medical research and development teams over these difficult months during the covid-19 outbreak; recognises the vital work that has been carried out in the search for a covid-19 vaccine which has been noteworthy but further recognises the work on cancer, dementia and diabetes research among other work areas; and thanks these heroes who have carried out their essential work thus far and who will continue to carry out their work on the path to making a real difference to the health and well-being of so many in our nation.

1381 Cervical Cancer Prevention Week (No. 3)

Tabled: 20/01/21 Signatories: 6

Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Paul Girvan
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Steven Bonnar
Sir Mike Penning

That this House notes that Cervical Cancer Prevention Week runs from 18 to 24 January in 2021; recognises the difficulties presented by the interruption of regular cancer screening as a result of the covid-19 pandemic; underlines the fact that cervical cancer screening is essential for every woman; and encourages women to take the emphatic advice of GP surgeries, cervical cancer charities and the Department of Health and Social Care to make an appointment for cervical cancer screening on the understanding that it will take place in a covid-safe and sterile environment.

1382 180th anniversary of the founding of modern Hong Kong

Tabled: 20/01/21 Signatories: 5

Andrew Rosindell
Layla Moran
Sir Mike Penning
Paul Girvan
Sir David Amess

That this House notes that the 26th of January 2021 marks the 180th anniversary of the modern founding of Hong Kong; recognises the significant historical ties between the UK and Hong Kong; celebrates the unique history, traditions and culture of Hong Kong and its people; commends the opening of the BN(O) visa scheme on 31st January 2021; looks forward to the significant cultural, economic, and social contribution Hongkongers will bring to the UK in coming years; invites the UK Government and all political parties to welcome those who come to this country from Hong Kong to escape the iron heel of Chinese Communist tyranny being stamped down upon that city which formerly enjoyed a high degree of autonomy; and encourages all nations which cherish freedom, democracy and the rule of law to follow the lead of the UK by reaching out to the beleaguered people of Hong Kong to offer them a home and a safe place of sanctuary.

1383 Free school meals and child poverty

Tabled: 20/01/21 Signatories: 7

Patricia Gibson
Claudia Webbe
Steven Bonnar
Alyn Smith
Allan Dorans
Chris Stephens

Douglas Chapman

That this House recognises the important role that healthy, nutritious meals play in supporting a child's education and the need to ensure that these meals continue to be available to children throughout the covid-19 pandemic; asserts that access to free school meal provision is an essential tool in tackling the attainment gap and supporting children's learning; notes that many children do not grow up in environments conducive to covid-19 lockdown learning, with overcrowded accommodation, limited access to the internet and other resources, and a lack of access to nutritious food, impacting on their ability to concentrate and learn effectively; welcomes the recent announcement by the Scottish Government that, from August 2022, Scotland will be the first nation in the UK to provide free school meals to all children in primary schools and is committed to using its limited powers to tackle the scourge of child poverty, with measures such as the introduction of the Scottish Child Payment, described by the Scottish Child Poverty Action Group as a game-changer in tackling child poverty; realises that while the provision of free school meals is an important tool in tackling child hunger, it must be part of a wider plan to tackle child poverty, to ensure that every child is able to realise their full potential; and calls on the UK Government to publish a Child Poverty Action Plan to finally combat the shameful fact that around 30 per cent of children in the UK live in poverty.

1384 Human security and the Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy

Tabled: 20/01/21 Signatories: 4

Wera Hobhouse
Jamie Stone
Clive Lewis
Stewart Malcolm McDonald

That this House welcomes the upcoming Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy; notes with concern the changing nature of global threats to the UK, including irreversible climate change, emerging artificial intelligence and the risk of increased frequency and size of global pandemics; highlights that many of these threats could cause far greater disruption to the lives of UK citizens than traditional military threats; emphasises that unforeseen developments of this nature can occur at pace and must be pre-emptively addressed; believes that the Integrated Review is an opportunity to reframe the UK's approach to defence and security to ensure future generations are protected; and calls on the Government to champion an inclusive, positive vision of global and local security.

1385 Universal credit uplift

Tabled: 20/01/21 Signatories: 8

Patricia Gibson
Steven Bonnar
Jonathan Edwards
Alyn Smith
Allan Dorans
Kenny MacAskill

Chris Stephens

Douglas Chapman

That this House recognises the profound impact that the covid-19 pandemic has had on the economy and the labour market, forcing many to rely on welfare benefits to survive at this difficult time; notes the importance that the temporary uplift to universal credit of £20 per week has played in providing a lifeline for those struggling financially and registers its deep concern at plans to remove this vital support; further notes that the Joseph Rowntree Foundation has estimated that if this temporary uplift is withdrawn, it will remove over £1000 a year from 6 million households, reducing the incomes of the bottom fifth of the population by 7 per cent overnight; understands that this will leave many unable to afford basic necessities such as housing costs, food and heating; recognises that after a four year benefit freeze, as well as the numerous challenges posed by the universal credit system, such as the five-week wait before payments are made, have created huge pressure on the budgets of the most vulnerable, leaving many trapped in debt and despair; and calls on the Government to end the uncertainty faced by millions of households and ensure that this temporary uplift in universal credit is made permanent to avoid a financial cliff-edge for claimants at the end of March 2021 and to commit to a longer term strategy to tackle the shameful levels of poverty across the UK.

1386 Covid-19 vaccination of Palestinians in the occupied territories

Tabled: 20/01/21 Signatories: 10

Nadia Whittome
 Claudia Webbe
 Sarah Owen
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Kate Osborne
 Zarah Sultana

Apsana Begum
 Chris Stephens

Jeremy Corbyn

Kenny MacAskill

That this House notes that after more than 53 years of occupation, Israeli authorities have an obligation to fully respect the human rights of Palestinians in the occupied territories, including their right to health; notes the Israeli government's duties under the Fourth Geneva Convention to ensure medical supplies, including to combat the spread of pandemics, within occupied territories; notes that the United Nations has confirmed that the Israeli government is legally obliged to protect the right to health and other rights of the populations in the occupied territories; notes concerns raised by a number of human rights organisations and the World Health Organisation regarding the Israeli government's lack of action in vaccinating Palestinians in the occupied territories; expresses alarm at the unjust and stark contrast between Israeli citizens, including settlers in the West Bank, who are receiving Covid-19 vaccinations at one of the most rapid rates in the world and the unprotected and vulnerable state of Palestinians in the occupied territories who will not begin to receive the vaccine for several months; and urges the British government to use all diplomatic and foreign aid routes to address this disparity and uphold the human rights of the 4.5 million people living in the occupied territories.

1387 Workers' rights

Tabled: 20/01/21 Signatories: 11

Liz Saville Roberts
 Claudia Webbe
 Ben Lake
 Hywel Williams
 Steven Bonnar
 Jonathan Edwards

Claire Hanna
 Kenny MacAskill

Clive Lewis
 Chris Stephens

Jeremy Corbyn

This House expresses deep concern over the Government's decision to review the "working time directive" implemented by the Working Time Regulations 1998; notes that amongst other achievements the Directive gave UK workers a statutory right to paid annual leave for the first time; further notes that the Government is yet to present its promised Employment Bill to enshrine EU employment law in the UK post-transition; and calls on the Government to present its new Employment Bill to honour its pledge made in the Queen's speech that workers' rights would be "protected and enhanced".