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New EDMs

1389 Support for British Gas workers

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 1

Nadia Whittome

That this House condemns the actions of British Gas in pursuing fire and re-hire tactics with loyal and hard-working staff; expresses support and solidarity with British Gas workers who have been forced to strike following British Gas pushing ahead with plans that have been rejected by 86 per cent of GMB members working as engineers; notes that the proposed changes will mean that a number of workers will be expected to work approximately 150 hours extra per year for no guarantee of extra pay; expresses regret that a once respected and trusted brand is doing damage to its reputation by pursuing fire and re-hire tactics; urges British Gas to recognise that the only way to end the disruption is to take fire and rehire pay cuts off the table; notes with alarm the growing number of employers who are making employees redundant before re-employing them on less-favourable terms and conditions; believes that these employers should instead be focused on supporting their employees through the covid-19 outbreak; and calls on the Government to take urgent action to stop the growing number of firms taking part in this unethical and unjust practice, for example by amending the Employment Rights Act 1996 to automatically categorise such redundancies as unfair dismissals.

1390 Detention of Alexei Navalny, democracy and human rights in Russia

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 17

Layla Moran
Stephen Farry
Sammy Wilson
Andrew Rosindell
Clive Lewis
Gavin Newlands

Ed Davey
 Sarah Olney
 Mr Alistair Carmichael
 Mr Virendra Sharma

Wendy Chamberlain
 Wera Hobhouse
 Tim Farron
 Andrew Gwynne

Christine Jardine
 Daisy Cooper
 Jamie Stone

That this House condemns the arrest and detention of Alexei Navalny by the Russian Federation; further condemns the reported arrest, detention and beating of thousands of protestors and journalists across Russia in the last week; notes that over 3,500 Russians have so far been detained following nationwide protests across the country according to monitors; further notes that at least 40,000 people participated in a rally in Moscow on 23 January 2021 according to Reuters estimates, with over 100,000 estimated to have taken part nationwide; expresses its solidarity and support for the protestors, journalists and the Russian people; acknowledges that widespread human rights abuses are being committed in Russia by police, security services and the state; further acknowledges that under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 a Minister may make sanctions regulations where it would provide accountability for or be a deterrent to gross violations of human rights, or otherwise promote compliance with international human rights law, or respect for human rights, or promote respect for democracy, the rule of law and good governance; calls on the Government to condemn the actions of the Russian Federation and its security apparatus in the strongest terms; further calls on the Government to use the aforementioned powers in the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 to rapidly impose sanctions on individuals responsible for ordering, conducting and aiding human rights abuses against peaceful protestors, journalists, citizens and opposition politicians in Russia; and reaffirms its support for democracy, freedom of speech and expression.

1391 Support for early years providers

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 1

Mr Barry Sheerman

That this House recognises the hard work and dedication of early years providers across the country and the difficulties that they have faced throughout the covid-19 outbreak; notes the financial hardship that the early years sector has faced prior to the covid-19 outbreak; calls on the Government to publish the data which informed their decision to keep early years settings open fully throughout the third national lockdown; further recognises that reduced numbers of children attending nursery throughout the outbreak intensifies the need for urgent financial support; calls on the Government to make a sustainable financial package available; and further calls on the Government to review regularly and thoroughly the safety of early years providers and to pledge to act where lives and livelihoods are at risk.

1392 Pet Passport Scheme

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 1

Liz Saville Roberts

That this House notes with regret that the Government did not secure Part 1 Listed Status under the EU Pet Passport scheme as part of the UK–EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement; recognises that as a result, the owners of cats, dogs and ferrets wishing to travel from Wales, Scotland and England to Northern Ireland or the EU are now required to have an Animal Health Certificate; understands that this additional barrier to travel is particularly concerning for assistance dog owners; and calls on the Government to do everything within its power to secure Part 1 listed status.

1393 Third anniversary of the Kickstart money programme

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 1

Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House recognises the importance of financial education for children and young people to equip them to navigate future financial responsibilities, risks and economic shocks; emphasises the need for financial education for children at a primary school level to install positive habits and attitudes towards money when these habits are first formed; welcomes the work of KickStart Money and MyBnk providing free financial education to almost 19,000 primary school pupils in three years in addition to online and virtual provision during restrictions due to COVID-19; and encourages the Department for Education to produce a strategy to ensure every child receives a high-quality and effective financial education

1394 PC Yvonne Fletcher inquiry

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 1

Sir Mike Penning

That this House notes the significant amount of work done to identify a suspect in the murder of PC Yvonne Fletcher outside the Libyan Embassy on 17 April 1984; notes that the CPS were of the opinion that there was sufficient evidence to prosecute; regrets that the suspect was permitted to leave the UK and endorses calls for an inquiry into PC Fletcher's murder.

1395 The gender pension gap

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 1

Patricia Gibson

That this House expresses concern about the gender pension gap which stands at around 40.3 per cent, more than twice the gender pay gap of 17.3 per cent, representing a differential in pension income of around £7,500 a year; understands that women's lower average lifetime earnings, as well as the increased likelihood of their taking breaks from paid employment or reducing working hours, often to undertake caring responsibilities, directly reduces their retirement earnings, increasing the likelihood of later-life poverty; recognises the effect of the speed of state pension age equalisation which meant many women had insufficient time to prepare for retirement; notes that the State Pension triple lock does not apply to pension credit, discriminating against the oldest and poorest pensioners, who are disproportionately women; is perturbed by the ongoing anomaly created by the inflexibility of the National Insurance system which excludes those, disproportionately women, who may have several jobs but which fall below the Lower Earnings Threshold, and so do not receive any credit for their State Pension; is alarmed that anyone earning less than £10,000 a year, mostly women, is not automatically enrolled into a pension and will not therefore benefit from

their employers' contributions; is aware that lower lifetime earnings mean lower private pensions and that women were often forced to leave company pensions if they married or worked part-time and tended to work in occupations where employer pensions were less prevalent; and calls for urgent measures from the Government to boost women's pension income.

1396 Connor Golabek 7 marathons in 7 days for Highland Hospice

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 1

Drew Hendry

That this House commends Glenurquhart Shinty Club's Connor Golabek on his goal to run seven marathons in seven days in order to raise money for the Highland Hospice; notes that Connor has been volunteering with the Highland Hospice since December 2020 and wanted to raise money for them in response to the effect the covid-19 outbreak has had on their ability to carry out their annual fundraisers; highlights the fantastic work that the Highland Hospice does to provide specialist care to those who need it; and finally, notes that people are still able to donate to his cause.

1397 Covid-19 outbreaks at DVLA offices

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 1

Jonathan Edwards

That this House recognises that more than 500 cases of covid-19 have been recorded at the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency's offices in Swansea since the start of the outbreak; further notes that on 21 December 2020, a covid-19 outbreak was officially declared at the UK vehicle licensing agency's contact centre at Swansea Vale in Llansamlet by Public Health Wales; is concerned at reports that staff with symptoms were encouraged to return to work and that vulnerable workers were denied requests to work from home; is troubled at reports that a complaint to Public Health Wales' outbreak control team indicates that staff were asked to turn off their test-and-trace apps; calls on the Government to urgently ensure that all DVLA staff have safe working environments; and further calls on the Secretary of State for Transport to clarify whether the DVLA offices in Swansea are compliant with public health guidance and legislation put in place by the Welsh Government to ensure workers' safety during the covid-19 outbreak.

1398 Access to PrEP for Black communities

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 1

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House is concerned that there is inequitable access for all who need access to the HIV prevention pill pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP); notes that PrEP is highly effective at stopping HIV and extremely cost-effective when compared with a lifetime of HIV treatment; further notes that in the UK, Black African men and women are the second-largest group affected by HIV; recognises that there was disappointingly low coverage of access to PrEP on the Impact trial for women and Black communities; is aware that the routine commissioning of PrEP has focused on providing access to individuals previously on the Impact trial; calls on local commissioners and councils to provide equitable access to all high-risk individuals who need access; further calls on the Government to increase funding for PrEP in 2021; and urges local public health teams to improve knowledge about PrEP among Black communities.

1399 Yemeni human rights and Saudi arms sales

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 6

Jeremy Corbyn
Margaret Ferrier
Caroline Lucas
John McDonnell
Apsana Begum
Claudia Webbe

That this House notes the continued disaster of the war on Yemen which has helped create what the UN has designated the worst humanitarian catastrophe anywhere in the world, threatening the lives of millions of Yemenis; further notes that the Government continues to allow arms sales to Saudi Arabia, the main foreign protagonist of the war, and continues to provide logistical support to Saudi forces in Yemen; recognises that new US president Joe Biden has committed to ending US support for the war; and calls upon the Government to end all support for the war and suspend all arms sales to Saudi Arabia immediately.

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.

1337 VAT on reusable period pants

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 25

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

Rachel Hopkins

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.

1340 Fetal pain

Tabled: 12/01/21 Signatories: 9

Carla Lockhart
Paul Girvan
Jim Shannon
Gavin Robinson
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Ian Paisley

Sir Desmond Swayne

Dr Lisa Cameron

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.

1359 Statutory Sick Pay uplift

Tabled: 14/01/21 Signatories: 18

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

Caroline Lucas

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: 22

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

Caroline Lucas

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.

1365 Fuel poverty (No. 2)

Tabled: 18/01/21 Signatories: 29

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

Caroline Lucas

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.

1366 Safer PPE and FFP3 masks for healthcare workers

Tabled: 18/01/21 Signatories: 32

Geraint Davies
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Zarah Sultana
Clive Efford
Apsana Begum
Ian Byrne

Caroline Lucas

Dan Carden

Layla Moran

That this House salutes the contribution of all healthcare professionals to combating the COVID-19 pandemic; recognises that with 49,000 healthcare professionals off work ill with COVID-19 some 13,000 more than the number of hospital inpatients with the disease, the environments in which they are working may be putting them at risk of contracting the virus; is concerned that not all healthcare professionals have access to the appropriate level of personal protective equipment (PPE) they need to keep themselves and their patients safe; notes that the British Medical Association, the Royal College of Nursing, the Aerosol Generating Procedure (AGP) Alliance, and Fresh Air NHS - representing hundreds of thousands of frontline staff - are all calling for better PPE for healthcare professionals, including for those not working in intensive care units; calls on the Government as a matter of urgency to ensure that all frontline healthcare workers working with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 patients have immediate access to FFP3 masks; and calls on the Government urgently to commission an immediate, safety-first review of PPE guidance based on the environmental risks to healthcare staff in their workplaces and not just the risks inherent in the procedures they undertake.

1367 Leicester's garment industry

Tabled: 18/01/21 Signatories: 21

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

Caroline Lucas

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 Monday

Tabled: **18/01/21** Signatories: **16**

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

Neale Hanvey

Grahame Morris

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.

1372 UK citizenship for the Windrush generation

Tabled: **18/01/21** Signatories: **35**

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

Caroline Lucas

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.

1373 Upper Clyde Shipbuilders work-in protest 50th Anniversary

Tabled: 18/01/21 Signatories: 33

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Chris Stephens
Carol Monaghan
Ronnie Cowan
Amy Callaghan
Douglas Chapman

Neale Hanvey

That this House recognises that 2021 marks the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Upper Clyde Shipbuilders (UCS) work-in protest; notes that when faced with the closure of their shipyards due to the Conservative Government refusing to provide financial assistance, workers at the Upper Clyde Shipbuilders inspired their communities, the length of the River Clyde and wrote their names into the history books by making a stand against this assault on their industry, taking the unprecedented measure of organising a work-in to complete the orders and show the viability of the shipyards and the skills of the men and women who worked in them; believes that the actions of the UCS workers, that were ultimately successful, are a critically reminder that when faced with indefensible actions by central Government the solidarity that exists between workers, their communities and the general population will ensure that right will win through; and understands that there will be a number of events taking place in the Burghs large and small along the River Clyde and across Scotland during 2021 and that these events can be used to inspire the present generation who are faced with the unprecedented challenges of the covid-19 outbreak with the message that workers and their communities in partnership are in a stronger to position to overcome the challenges that we presently face.

1374 Reduction of the Small Brewers Relief

Tabled: 18/01/21 Signatories: 19

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

Grahame Morris

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.

1376 UK-EU travel for touring musicians and performers

Tabled: 19/01/21 Signatories: 15

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

Grahame Morris

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: 9

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

Neale Hanvey

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: **11**

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

Christine Jardine

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.

1379 Covid-19 support from Leuchars Station personnel

Tabled: **19/01/21** Signatories: **3**

Wendy Chamberlain
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans

That this House acknowledges the contribution to the communities of Fife by the soldiers stationed at Leuchars during the covid-19 pandemic; pays tribute to them for their exceptional hard work during the pandemic that has presented the biggest peacetime challenge to the country; recognises their efforts in Preston conducting and supporting community testing; and anticipates their support in the vaccination rollout effort.

1381 Cervical Cancer Prevention Week (No. 3)

Tabled: **20/01/21** Signatories: **10**

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

Allan Dorans

Alison Thewliss

Grahame Morris

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: 6

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

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: 15

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

Neale Hanvey

Alison Thewliss

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: 10

Wera Hobhouse
Jamie Stone
Clive Lewis
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake

Caroline Lucas

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: 19

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

Neale Harvey
 Alison Thewliss

Deidre Brock

Caroline Lucas

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: 19

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

John Cryer

Caroline Lucas

Grahame Morris

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: 19

Liz Saville Roberts
 Chris Stephens
 Claire Hanna
 Clive Lewis
 Stephen Farry
 Caroline Lucas

Allan Dorans

Grahame Morris

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".

1388 Plastic waste exports

Tabled: 21/01/21 Signatories: 11

Sarah Olney
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Jonathan Edwards
Mike Hill

Sir Mike Penning

Munira Wilson

Caroline Lucas

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.