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### New EDMs

#### 1502 **Support for children suffering from mental health problems during the covid-19 pandemic**

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Robert Halfon**

That this House recognises the devastating impact that school closures are having upon the mental health of young people across the country; understands that anxiety, depression and self-harm among children has risen; notes that a recent Prince's Trust survey found that one in four young people have found themselves unable to cope with life during the pandemic; further notes that Dr Karen Street, an Officer for Mental Health at the RSPCH wrote about the harrowing 400 per cent increase in eating disorders among young people caused by school closures and social isolation; understands that mental health is inextricably linked to children's ability to learn and their attainment outcomes; and calls upon the Government to take further steps to support children who are suffering from mental health problems during the pandemic.

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#### 1503 **Religious freedoms in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq**

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Robert Halfon**

This House warmly welcomes the visit in March by His Holiness The Pope to Iraq and the Kurdistan Region where he will lead Holy Mass at the football stadium in Erbil; fully recognises that the Kurdistan Region enjoys considerable religious and ethnic diversity, that its Ministry of Endowment and Religious Affairs upholds the political, civil, social, cultural, and economic rights of minorities, and that the region has also provided a safe haven for refugees and Internally Displaced People (IDP) of many faiths from Syria and Iraq, including individuals fleeing religious persecution across the wider Middle East; further recognises that Kurdistan law, passed at the height of the war against Daesh, enshrines fundamental freedoms of thought, religion, speech, and culture, mandates

the KRG to guarantee equality for all groups, and criminalises religious discrimination; notes peaceful co-existence between Muslims, Christians, Yazidis, Jews, Sabie

Mandani, Zoroastrians, and Bahais, that religious leaders are frequently consulted by ministers and government officials, and that the 111 strong Kurdistan Parliament includes a list of five Turkmen representatives, five Chaldean, Assyrian, and Syriac representatives, and one Armenian representative; acknowledges that the KRG has allocated lands and built three churches and one cultural centre at its own expense for the Christian community in Erbil, that there are 135 different churches and 92 religious shrines in the region, and that there are public holidays on all religious occasions; and proudly commends the Kurdistan Region on its record and aspirations on religious freedom as exemplary in the Middle East.

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#### 1504 29th Anniversary of the Khojaly Massacre

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Bob Blackman**

That this House extends condolences to the people of Azerbaijan as they commemorate the 29th anniversary of the Khojaly massacre on 26 February 2021; reflects on this atrocity committed against citizens of Azerbaijan amid conflict in the region; and welcomes the recent commitment of both parties to a lasting peace.

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#### 1505 VAT on Zero Carbon Domestic Renewables

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Tim Farron**

That this House recognises the UK's legal commitment to reduce carbon emissions, including those from domestic dwellings, to Net Zero by 2050; further notes that 30 per cent of UK carbon dioxide emissions are from domestic dwellings; recognises that micro-generation of home grown energy and heating is vital to reach the Net Zero target; further recognises that VAT currently imposed on domestic renewables including Solar PV, Solar Thermal, Air & Ground/Water Source Heat Pumps, and further energy efficiency measures, has been stipulated by EU Regulations; considers that leaving the EU provides an opportunity to review VAT on zero carbon domestic renewables, installations, and energy efficiency measures; and calls on the Government to rate all VAT on zero carbon domestic renewable products, installations, associated heating systems, and retrofitting energy efficiency measures, at 0 per cent for a period of 10 years, making Zero Carbon = Zero VAT.

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#### 1506 Advice Direct Scotland's new Scotland-specific benefits calculator

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 1

**David Linden**

That this House welcomes the launch of Advice Direct Scotland's free online benefits calculator; recognises that the new online tool is the first to fully integrate devolved benefits, including the new devolved benefit, the Scottish Child Payment which opened on February 15 for parents or carers on low incomes who have a child under six; pays tribute to the work of Advice Direct Scotland and their partner Inbest in developing this new tool which will provide Scots with free and impartial assessment of entitlement to a range of benefits such as Universal Credit, crisis grants and support payments; and recognises that the launch follows an 87 per cent increase in Scotland's claimant count between December 2019 and December 2020 largely caused by the coronavirus pandemic;

and recommends all families facing financial hardship use the tool to calculate the benefits that are available.

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### 1507 Rosslyn Chapel junior tour guides

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 1

#### Owen Thompson

That this House recognises the partnership work being undertaken between Rosslyn Chapel and Roslin Primary School through their Junior Tour Guides Programme; notes in light of the covid pandemic this year the project has had to become virtual; further notes that the virtual tour presents the story of Rosslyn Chapel and allows virtual visitors to meet time-travelling characters from the past and mythological creatures as they introduce the history and legends of this amazing medieval building; acknowledges the challenges that the Coronavirus pandemic has caused on the tourism sector; and welcomes the work being undertaken to allow visitors to virtually tour this wonderful Midlothian icon.

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### 1508 Legacy of Gary Dall

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 1

#### Neale Hanvey

That this House recognises the lifesaving legacy of Kirkcaldy firefighter Gary Dall being kept alive thanks to a stem cell donation partnership between the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) and Anthony Nolan; pays tribute to Gary who, after being diagnosed with blood cancer, used his story to recruit donors to the stem cell register before he tragically passed away in 2018 waiting for a transplant; notes that Kirkcaldy Red Watch crewmates Graham Robertson's 18-year-old son Mitchell, and Rich Ogden's 19-year-old daughter Kirsty have both donated stem cells after being found to be a match on the Anthony Nolan stem cell register having been inspired by Gary to join; and celebrates that the SFRS partnership with Anthony Nolan has seen more than 18,500 potential donors recruited, with 76 of those going on to donate.

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### 1509 Balwearie High School breakfast club

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 1

#### Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates Balwearie High School in Kirkcaldy, Fife, on being shortlisted as a Scottish finalist in the Kellogg's Breakfast Club of the Year Awards; praises the contribution of staff who facilitate the school's two breakfast clubs, which cater for around 25 children each morning; recognises that breakfast clubs deliver more than just food, they contribute to improving children's attendance and attainment and can be a lifeline to families; and applauds the contribution of breakfast clubs in schools across Fife and the UK for the role they have played in helping vulnerable families, particularly through the Covid-19 pandemic.

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**1510 Vitamin D supplements and covid-19**

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Neale Hanvey**

That this House notes recognises the positive role vitamin D can play in mitigating against the incidence and severity of Covid-19; welcomes the proactive stance of the Scottish Government in providing free vitamin D supplements to clinically vulnerable people who are shielding and notes that more than 71,300 people have opted to accept this offer; highlights the ongoing public information campaign in Scotland encouraging the wider population to consider taking a daily supplement of vitamin D, particularly in winter months; notes that free supplements area also available to pregnant and breastfeeding women and young children in Scotland; and urges the UK Government to match this effort to raise awareness and support people across the UK to maintain their vitamin D levels.

**1511 Cail Bruich restaurant in Glasgow awarded Michelin Star**

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Patrick Grady**

That this House congratulates Cail Bruich restaurant in the West End of Glasgow on earning the first Michelin star in the city in 18 years; recognises that in its 12 years Cail Bruich has received a number of accolades, including three AA rosettes, and that this latest award consolidates their reputation for high quality service and exceptional gourmet food; notes that head chef Lorna McNee is the first female chef to receive the award in the city; praises the team at Cail Bruich for this remarkable addition to Glasgow's thriving culinary scene; thanks Lorna and all the staff at Cail Bruich for their continued dedication and their landmark contribution to Scotland's international standing for food excellence; and wishes everyone associated with Cail Bruich every continued success for the future.

**1512 Milnathort's Laura Muir breaking the UK 1500m record**

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 1

**John Nicolson**

That this House commends Laura Muir for running the 1500 metre race at the World Indoor Tour meet in under four minutes; further recognises that this time breaks the UK record; and wishes her good luck in representing Scotland and the UK in future competitions.

**1513 Effect of fake online reviews on consumer confidence**

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Patricia Gibson**

That this House acknowledges online sales in the retail sector saw five years of growth in 2020 as coronavirus restrictions and lockdowns shifted consumer spending online; recognises that, alongside the growth in the online retail sector, online customer reviews have become an important source of product information and have a significant impact on consumer purchase decision making; applauds the investigation undertaken by independent consumer champion Which? which has uncovered a thriving industry where potentially hundreds of thousands of misleading fake product reviews are making their way onto the platform; understands that consumers need to be able to have confidence in product reviews online; is deeply concerned that the systematic manipulation of reviews highlights the need for online platforms to act urgently and do more to proactively prevent fake reviews infiltrating their sites; calls on the Competition and Markets Authority to take swift and effective action to prevent sites trading in fake reviews; and urges the UK Government to

urgently strengthen online consumer protections so that sites can be held to account if they fail to keep consumers safe.

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#### 1514 Effect of covid-19 on leisure services

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Tim Farron**

That this House is concerned by the impact of Covid-19 on leisure services; believes a thriving leisure industry is critical to improving the physical and economic health of communities in the Covid-19 recovery effort; notes that leisure services relieve pressure on the NHS and social care systems; commends the Government for providing an estimated £116 million of support through the National Leisure Recovery Fund; notes, however, that District Council leisure centres lost £411 million of their average annual income in 2020; urges a further financial rescue package to ensure leisure centres survive well beyond the Covid-19 crisis; and asks that District Councils are represented on the Department for Digital, Culture, Media, and Sport's recreation and leisure Covid-19 roadmap taskforce.

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#### 1515 VAT on hair and beauty services

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Alison Thewliss**

That this House recognises the significant impact that the Coronavirus pandemic has had on the hairdressing, beauty and holistic service industry; notes that this sector is reported by the British Beauty Council to contribute £9.2bn annually to Britain's economy, employing a workforce of 288,160 people as hair and beauty practitioners in salons and in a self-employed capacity within the UK; appreciates that 88.6 per cent of those employed in the sector are women; is concerned by reports that 62 per cent of salons owners were unsure if they would survive beyond this financial year and that 18 per cent felt certain they would have to close their doors; notes that while Government grants were welcome, the loss of income for many in the sector has been considerable; appreciates that many self-employed professionals within the sector have struggled to get financial support; recognises the strenuous efforts by this sector to become Covid-19 secure; and calls on the Chancellor to chop the VAT for the hairdressing, beauty and holistic service industry to 5 per cent in the upcoming budget.

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#### 1516 Good practice in Holocaust education

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 4

**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Gavin Newlands**  
**John Nicolson**  
**Steven Bonnar**

That this House welcomes news that five schools across Scotland have been recognised for good practice in Holocaust education, with Alva Academy, Chryston High, Gryffe High, and Mearns Castle High awarded level one status, and Barrhead High School receiving the prestigious level two award; notes that this initiative is delivered by Vision Schools Scotland, a partnership launched in 2017 between the University of the West of Scotland and the Holocaust Educational Trust, funded by the Association of Jewish Refugees and the Gordon Cook Foundation; further notes that a Vision School is one committed to the view that learning about the Holocaust is a vital part of young people's education and that to receive the award, schools must demonstrate their commitment to the importance of Holocaust education and to developing teacher knowledge to

ensure continued expertise in this subject matter; acknowledges that the Vision Schools Programme embeds responsible citizenship at its core, a key principle of Scotland's Curriculum for Excellence, as it encourages effective and sustained school-based Holocaust education; and commends Vision Schools Scotland Director, Paula Cowan, and her team for their inspiring contribution to teaching and learning about the Holocaust.

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### 1517 Barrhead schools' breakfast pilot

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Kirsten Oswald**

That this House welcomes news that an innovative project offering pupils the chance to pick up a free breakfast from a mobile cart is to be extended to other UK schools following a successful pilot in Barrhead High School and Carlibar and St John's Primary Schools in East Renfrewshire; notes that the grab-n-go scheme is based on a similar model used in the United States and Canada and gives pupils easy access to cereal, toast, and fruit before the start of the school day or during the first half hour; further notes that during the Barrhead pilot, researchers from Glasgow Caledonian University surveyed almost 500 pupils and 39 teachers and found evidence of students who skipped breakfast being less able to concentrate, lacking energy and being less engaged in learning, and concluded that the breakfast cart was welcomed by staff and pupils alike; notes in particular that skipping breakfast was common among the secondary school pupils - with 63% not eating every morning - compared to just 7 per cent of primary age children, and that girls in secondary school were more likely than boys to skip breakfast, with 34 per cent never eating before school; acknowledges the work done by The Greggs Foundation, Glasgow Caledonian University, East Renfrewshire Council, catering companies E&R Moffat and Brakes, and Lindsay Graham of the Poverty and Inequality Commission Scotland in delivering the Barrhead pilot; and looks forward to news of the further rollout of this worthwhile initiative.

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### 1518 Retirement of Head Teacher at Clyde Primary School

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Carol Monaghan**

That this House recognises the outstanding contribution to education in Glasgow of Clyde Primary School Headteacher, Mrs Anne Taylor; congratulates her on a impactful and fruitful career in the Scottish education system; commends her for her unwavering commitment to teaching excellence in Glasgow; acknowledges the far-reaching impact she has had in supporting, representing, and championing both teachers and learners in Clyde Primary School; commends the part she has played in overseeing the planning, development and construction of the new school building, and the stability she has provided for the school community during the upheaval of this transition; sincerely thanks her for her public service to the Scottish education sector; and wishes Mrs Taylor the very best in her retirement.

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### 1519 Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund: Wee Box, Big Change Appeal 2021

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 2

**Patrick Grady**  
**David Linden**

That this House welcomes the launch of Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund's 2021 Wee Box, Big Change Lent Appeal; understands that the this year's appeal aims to support children with disabilities in South Sudan who are locked out of education and trapped in a cycle of poverty; notes that the appeal encourages people to put the money they would have spent on the items they

have given up for Lent into a SCIAF Wee Box to donate to the charity; recognises that the money raised is used to support people in developing countries out of poverty; acknowledges that the UK Government will match any donation received before 11 May 2021; and encourages Members of Parliament to promote the appeal to their constituents.

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**1520 Tony Collins: the first Black football league manager**

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Tony Lloyd**

That this House is saddened by the recent death of Tony Collins, a footballer whose role as the first black manager of an English football league club has gone largely unrecognised; is aware that Tony played for a number of league clubs, finishing at Rochdale; notes that he went on to become player manager at Rochdale; recognises his achievement in taking Rochdale to their only final in the 1962 League Cup Final, where they became the first 4th division club to reach that milestone; and salutes this stalwart and pioneer of English football.

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**1521 Right of abode for former British-Hong Kong servicemen**

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 6

**Andrew Rosindell**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Sir Edward Leigh**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**  
**Bob Blackman**

That this House recognises the enormous contribution to Britain of the former Hong Kong armed forces who loyally served this country from 1857 until 1997; it acknowledges that these men and their ancestors greatly served UK commitments in South East Asia, stood shoulder-to-shoulder with Britain throughout two world wars, serving in France, as well as Burma, Korea, Malaya, Singapore, Hong Kong, China and with the United Nations for King, Queen and country; further notes that they are recognised by the Ministry of Defence as Veterans and they have remained extremely loyal to the United Kingdom; believes that those remaining soldiers of the Hong Kong Military Service Corps and the Hong Kong Royal Naval Service who did not receive a UK passport following the handover of Hong Kong to China should now be offered that choice; notes only 159 former servicemen were given a UK passport in 1997 under the then passport selection scheme; further notes that the remainder of the Military Service Corps and some 100 Royal Naval servicemen were left behind; and calls on the Government to recognise that the decision not to have asked each serviceman to freely transfer their nationality from British-Hong Kong to Hong Kong-Chinese prior to the handover of Hong Kong was unjust and an error that should now be rectified.

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**1522 MOT tests and roadside air quality**

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Mr Barry Sheerman**

That this House recognises the challenge to public health caused by roadside air pollution, in particular, fine and ultra-fine combustion generated particles; urges the Government to look to how other countries mitigate harmful levels of air pollution that are prevalent on roads and highways for example the current Roadworthiness Directive 2014/45/EU and to be guided by effective, evidence-based policies; further recognises that the current MOT tests do not identify vehicles which emit dangerous particulate emissions levels and lack the appropriate sensing technology

for harmful levels of fine and ultra-fine particulate matter; further urges to the Government to take steps to enshrine principles of minimising roadside air quality into MOT tests by introducing improved sensing technology which would identify high-emitting vehicles; urges the Department of Transport to take steps to introduce an efficiency element in the diesel particulate matter section of the MOT based on particulate mass or number metrics; and supports the work of the Dutch Government and the Dutch Parliament in incorporating IENW/BSK-2020/125046 into vehicles' Period Technical Inspection tests by law.

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### 1523 Real Bread week campaign

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Ian Mearns**

That this House celebrates Real Bread Week and the recent upsurge in interest in traditional baking methods; welcomes the role of many small and medium sized bakeries across the UK in providing quality and choice for their customers; regrets that commercial pressures have too often led to the inclusion of so-called processing aids and other additives in mass-produced baked goods; further regrets that pressure exerted by retailers on suppliers has seen a general deskilling of the workforce and race to the bottom in the pay and conditions of those employed in the baking industry; is concerned about the implications of automation in further limiting the volume and quality of jobs in the sector; believes that consumers and workers alike benefit from the production methods in the baking of Real Bread, made with healthy, natural ingredients; and therefore calls on the UK government to introduce a new Honest Crust Act to ensure clear and accurate labelling of baked products, and to invest in the ability of businesses of all sizes to further develop skills and well-paid employment opportunities in the sector.

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### 1524 OmniGov and local news outlets in Harlow

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Robert Halfon**

That this House recognises the importance of YourHarlow, the only remaining news outlet in Harlow constituency; understands that OmniGov chose not to advertise through YourHarlow; further understands that Harlow residents are therefore missing out on access to Government advertising; criticises OmniGov for only supporting print news outlets and not digital only outlets; and urges the Government to resolve this issue and ensure access to Government advertising for Harlow residents.

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### 1525 OmniGov and local news outlets

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Robert Halfon**

That this House understands that OmniGov chose not to advertise through YourHarlow, the only remaining news outlet in Harlow constituency; questions whether the Government considered any other advertising providers when they procured the contract for Government advertising with OmniGov; further questions the criteria that the Government set OmniGov to support local news outlets; and calls upon the Government to consider terminating its contract with OmniGov if they do not do more to support local media outlets with Government advertising.

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**1526 The Green Homes Grant**Tabled: **22/02/21** Signatories: **1****Caroline Lucas**

That this House believes the Green Homes Grant to upgrade 600,000 homes and support 100,000 jobs is in need of fundamental reform; is concerned that as of 8 February 2021 just 22,165 vouchers had been issued to customers despite enormous demand, that any underspend of the £2 billion invested until March 2021 will not be rolled over to 2021-22, and that delays in issuing vouchers has led to financial difficulties and redundancies for companies, with one third of those surveyed reporting that delays in payment were threatening their business's viability; welcomes the Environmental Audit Committee's Growing Back Better report and the Committee's survey demonstrating that many homeowners struggled to find registered contractors and that 86 per cent had a poor experience with the application process; notes the commitment in the 2019 Conservative Party Manifesto to invest £9.2 billion in improving the energy efficiency of homes and public buildings; further notes that the Climate Change Committee's Balanced Net Zero Pathway requires £55 billion of investment in home energy efficiency by 2050; calls on the Government to work with stakeholders to improve the Green Homes Grant, ensure installers are urgently paid for delivered work, strip US consultancy ICF of their contract, and commit to a Green Jobs Guarantee including long-term funding for an ambitious multi-year investment in home retrofits; and urges the Government to reverse the current tax incentive which operates in favour of new build and against retrofit.

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**1527 Fairtrade Fortnight 2021**Tabled: **22/02/21** Signatories: **1****Margaret Ferrier**

That this House commemorates Fairtrade Fortnight 2021; recognises that the theme for this year is Choose the World You Want, aiming to highlight the growing challenges that climate change brings to workers and communities the Fairtrade Foundation works with around the world; highlights the work of the Fairtrade Foundation to support a sustainable future for farmers around the world, including their campaign to secure a living income for cocoa farmers, ongoing for the previous two years; and encourages the Government to do all in its power to support the Fight for Living Incomes campaign and all the work of the Fairtrade Foundation.

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**1528 Role of the freight and logistics industry in the UK during the covid-19 outbreak**Tabled: **22/02/21** Signatories: **1****Sir Mike Penning**

That this House welcomes the vital role that the freight and logistics industry has played during the covid-19 health pandemic; congratulates that industry for keeping supply chains moving and ensuring that goods including food and medical supplies continue to be delivered; recognises that some parts of that sector, particularly firms involved in events haulage were decimated early in the covid-19 pandemic; calls for greater recognition for those businesses and drivers who have been the unsung heroes of that pandemic; recognises that many parts of that sector have additionally had to cope with significant procedural changes as a result of the UK leaving the EU; and calls on the Government to ensure that the freight and logistics industry continues to be supported on key challenges including those relating to skills shortages, infrastructure and climate change.

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**1529 Assistive Products List**Tabled: **22/02/21** Signatories: **1****Dr Lisa Cameron**

That this House recognises the importance of creating a national Assistive Product List (APL) to ensure that older people and people with visible and non-visible disabilities have equitable access to the essential assistive products they need to achieve a good quality of life; highlights that 50 major UK assistive technology specialist organisations including the British Dyslexia Association, Leonard Cheshire, SCOPE, the Royal National Institute for Deaf people, the Royal National Institute of Blind people, the British Healthcare Trades Association, Hft, MENCAP and the British Association of Prosthetists and Orthotists have already joined together to create the first UK APL in recognition of the value of this World Health Organisation initiative that is based on the impactful Essential Medicines List devised in 1977; commends the British Assistive Technology Association for leading the initiative on creating that list and draws attention to the work that that large coalition of stakeholders has been doing over several months to create a wide-ranging initial list of assistive products from hearing aids to crutches, wheelchairs and digital assistive products, in preparation for a Government-backed survey and consultation exercise; and joins with that unified community to call on the Government to include a national APL survey and a national consultation exercise to create a UK Essential Assistive Products List as part of any new disability and ageing strategy, to help address the gaps and barriers to accessing assistive technology that currently hinders the quality of life of so many.

**1530 Immigration Rules and rough sleepers**Tabled: **22/02/21** Signatories: **8**

**Claudia Webbe**  
**Ms Diane Abbott**  
**Paula Barker**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Zarah Sultana**  
**Mick Whitley**

Richard Burgon

Kate Osborne

That this House is appalled by the Government's Immigration Rules which came into effect on 1 December 2020 that make rough sleeping grounds for refusing or cancelling someone's right to remain in the UK; fears that those new immigration rules will push people further away from seeking support and will also make people more vulnerable to exploitation; is aware that the Government has indicated that the rough sleeping grounds for cancelling or refusing someone's permission to be in the UK will only be used sparingly, yet is concerned that that is only a rhetorical commitment and that the scope of the grounds to refuse or cancel someone's right to remain in the UK as set out in the Immigration Rules is very broad; is alarmed that those rules do not include protections for people who are illegally evicted from private properties; recognises that specialist organisations working in homelessness, including Crisis, have expressed concern that that will make the work of outreach teams trying to support people sleeping rough much harder, as people fear that engaging with services could put them at risk of being detained and deported; and urges the Government to scrap that cruel policy and instead work towards eradicating the scourge of rough sleeping in the UK for all people, regardless of their immigration status.

**1531 Death of Sydney Devine MBE**Tabled: **22/02/21** Signatories: **1****Allan Dorans**

That this House notes with great sadness, the passing of Sydney Devine MBE, a legendary Scottish singer and showman, who entertained generations of people with his unique crooner and country and western style live performances during a career which spanned almost seven decades, beginning at the age of 13 years with a television appearance, performing around the world with the White Heather Group for more than a decade, appearing in the popular TV series, The White Heather Club, before later developing into country music in the 1970s when he worked with country legends including Charlie Pride and Dolly Parton; further notes that he is best known for his live stage performances in theatres and music venues across the country for almost 50 years; acknowledges his close connection with the Pavilion Theatre, Glasgow where he performed every year for forty five consecutive years and his musical achievements which included 51 Albums selling over 15 million copies and his signature song, Tiny Bubbles, and other favourites including Maggie and Legend in my Time and many, many more; and thanks him for his long term commitment, support and association with Marie Curie, a leading UK's end of life charity.

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**1532 30th anniversary of Lemmings**Tabled: **22/02/21** Signatories: **1****Owen Thompson**

That this House marks the 30th anniversary of the release of Lemmings on 14th February 1991; recognises that the Scottish hit videogame was originally designed and developed by DMA Design in Dundee; notes that Lemmings is estimated to have sold around 20 million copies between its various ports; further notes that Lemmings was the second highest-rated title ever reviewed by Amstrad Action magazine and in 1996 Next Generation placed it at number eight in its all time best games roundup; and celebrates the huge contribution of Scottish games companies to the industry worldwide.

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**1533 Lori Silvan roadside litter collection**Tabled: **22/02/21** Signatories: **1****Brendan O'Hara**

That this House commends Argyll and Bute constituent Lori Silvan on her roadside litter collection; praises her on using her daily exercise to reduce the amount of litter on local roads; congratulates her on encouraging others to join in collecting litter through setting up the Facebook page called Wake up, clear up Argyll; and applauds her on educating other local constituents on the impact of littering and climate change, particularly encouraging young children to prevent littering and protect the local environment.

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**1534 Let's Get Scrubbing fundraising group**Tabled: **22/02/21** Signatories: **1****Brendan O'Hara**

That this house highlights the fundraising efforts of Let's get scrubbing, a group of volunteers stitchers who made personal protective kit of healthcare workers during the pandemic; notes that by selling their face masks to the general public to raise additional funds for hospital staff, the

volunteers raised £3,100; and offers thanks to the volunteer sewers for manufacturing face masks and other PPE, and in doing so encouraging COVID-19 protective measures.

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**1535 Fundraising for Glasgow’s Children’s charity and the Royal Alexandra Hospital**

Tabled: **22/02/21** Signatories: **1**

**Brendan O’Hara**

That this House congratulates the dedication of Argyll and Bute constituent Nikki Waski for fundraising for Glasgow’s Children’s Charity and the Neo-natal unit at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley, both of which helped when Nikki’s children were born prematurely; notes that Nikki is raising money by completing 50 sponsored swims in the cold winter sea; and praises her efforts in raising £1800 so far towards the neo-natal unit, which will hopefully help more families with premature babies.

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## 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.

**1439 Festival of Brexit**

Tabled: **3/02/21** Signatories: **17**

**Jamie Stone**

**Paula Barker**

**Chris Stephens**

**Neale Hanvey**

**Kenny MacAskill**

**Wendy Chamberlain**

Sarah Olney

Tommy Sheppard

That this House regrets the Government’s commitment to spending £120 million on the planned festival of Brexit; recognises that regardless of how people voted in the EU referendum that money would be better spent on a covid-19 recovery fund; and calls on the Government to cancel its plans for that festival.

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**1442 Undocumented migrants and covid-19 vaccination**

Tabled: 3/02/21 Signatories: 24

**Claudia Webbe**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Kim Johnson**

Drew Hendry

That this House believes that access to essential healthcare is a universal human right; regrets the continued existence of structural, institutional and systemic barriers in accessing NHS care experienced by undocumented migrants and those awaiting determination of their asylum, visa and immigration applications; considers that an effective public health response to the covid-19 crisis requires that the most vulnerable can afford to access food, healthcare, and self-isolate where necessary; understands that some of the most vulnerable people in society will not access vaccination against the virus, since to disclose their identity to the authorities would risk their arrest, detention and deportation; fears that without urgent Government intervention this will lead to further avoidable premature deaths, especially in the African, Asian and Minority Ethnic population; and therefore calls on the Home Office to grant everyone currently in the UK at this time who are undocumented migrants and those awaiting determination of their asylum, visa and immigration applications indefinite leave to remain, and to be eligible in due course to receive the covid-19 vaccination.

**1451 Intellectual property and covid-19 response**

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 31

**Caroline Lucas**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**Layla Moran**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**

Patrick Grady

Dan Carden

Stuart C McDonald

That this House considers nobody is safe until we are all safe from covid-19; believes all policy tools should be deployed to address the global crisis around access to covid-19 vaccines, treatments, diagnostics and equipment; notes that the head of the World Health Organization warns we face a catastrophic moral failure because of unequal covid vaccine policies; welcomes the Government's commitment to ensuring access for all to safe and effective, high-quality and affordable vaccines, diagnostics, medicines, and other health technologies as part of an effective response to the pandemic; further welcomes the substantial amounts of public funding for research, development, at-risk manufacturing and purchasing of covid-19 vaccines, reducing the risks for private sector companies developing vaccines; notes that existing flexibilities within the TRIPS agreement are not sufficient in the context of a pandemic; urges the Government to defend the rights of countries to use TRIPS flexibilities especially as they have long been subjected to intense pressure in the interests of pharmaceutical companies when they have done so; notes that 100 countries support a proposal from India and South Africa for a TRIPS waiver, which would allow WTO members to quickly overcome Intellectual Property barriers to access much-needed vaccines and treatments during the global crisis; is concerned that the Government does not yet support this proposal; and urges the Government to recognise that intellectual property barriers are hindering equitable access to

covid-19 health technologies, reconsider its position and support the waiver proposal at upcoming TRIPS Council and WTO General Council Meetings.

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**1456 Tenth anniversary of the Bahraini revolution**

Tabled: **8/02/21** Signatories: **23**

**Margaret Ferrier  
Jonathan Edwards  
Kenny MacAskill  
Andrew Gwynne  
Steven Bonnar  
Marion Fellows**

Kim Johnson

Jon Cruddas

That this House recognises the tenth anniversary of the Arab Spring and the Bahraini revolution of 2011; remembers the horrific events of the deadly pre-dawn raid of 17 February 2011, also known as Bloody Thursday; recognises the countless forms of repression that have targeted peaceful opponents of the regime, such as human rights defender Mr Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja and the leader of the political opposition in Bahrain Mr Hassan Mushaima, who has been in prison for the last 10 years; calls on the Government to press the Bahraini Government to abide by the principles of good governance, self-determination and human rights; and urges the Government to use whatever leverage it has with the Bahraini authorities to advance the democratic demands called for by the Bahraini people in 2011.

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**1462 Temporary extension to Compulsory Basic Training Certificates for motorbikes and mopeds**

Tabled: **8/02/21** Signatories: **19**

**Jonathan Edwards  
Allan Dorans  
Tonia Antoniazzi  
Tracey Crouch  
Chris Law  
Jim Shannon**

Liz Saville Roberts

Ben Lake

Hywel Williams

That this House notes that Compulsory Basic Training (CBT) certificates for motorbikes and mopeds are issued on a two year basis for learner drivers; further notes that these vehicles provide a low carbon mode of transport for passenger and cargo; notes that many key workers use this mode of transport as part of their commute, especially in rural areas where public transport links can be poor; notes that as a result of lockdown measures, motorcycle and moped tests are suspended; expresses concern that road users whose CBT certificates lapse whilst lockdown measures are in place are prohibited from using their vehicles on public roads through no fault of their own; notes that whilst road safety concerns are paramount, motorists in this position have been using their chosen mode of transport for two years; calls for a temporary extension of CBT certificates whilst lockdown measures are in place; and further calls on the Government to annul test fees for people with CBT certificates which have lapsed during the current lockdown if they will not extend their validity.

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**1463 Removing barriers to education**Tabled: **8/02/21** Signatories: **38**

**Carol Monaghan**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Kirsty Blackman**  
**John Nicolson**

Owen Thompson

Chris Stephens

Dr Philippa Whitford

That this House believes removing barriers to education, including ending all forms of violence against children, is crucial to achieving the Government's goal of ensuring 12 years of quality education for every girl and boy; and further believes that removing barriers to education should be a central theme in the Government's engagement at the 2021 G7 Summit.

**1466 Construction Industry VAT Reverse Charge**Tabled: **8/02/21** Signatories: **16**

**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Kirsty Blackman**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Neale Hanvey**  
**Douglas Chapman**  
**Chris Law**

Chris Stephens

That this House expresses its concern at the decision of the Treasury to go ahead with the introduction of the Construction Industry VAT Reverse Charge with effect from 1 March 2021; notes that this is of great concern to small and medium sized firms in the construction industry, who are still reeling from the impact of a prolonged pandemic and the disruption of the UK leaving the EU, and are currently fighting to consolidate their businesses and protect any cash reserves they have after a devastating year; further notes that many firms fear the VAT Reverse Charge will have a devastating impact on their cash flow, with a requirement for additional cash flow to meet this of approximately 5 per cent of annual sales for those companies that submit quarterly VAT returns and 3 per cent for those that submit monthly returns; considers that the introduction of the charge at this time will put jobs and businesses at risk and may result in companies that survived the covid-19 outbreak and the UK's withdrawal from the EU being undone by this additional burden; and calls on the Government to reconsider its decision to press ahead with the change at this time.

**1467 Neilston and Madras Learning Campus 7th Green Flag**Tabled: **8/02/21** Signatories: **7**

**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**John Nicolson**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**  
**Allan Dorans**

Chris Stephens

That this House wishes to congratulate Neilston and Madras Learning Campus, including Neilston Primary School and Madras Family Centre, on achieving a seventh Eco-Schools Green

Flag; congratulates the Head Teacher, Mr Curley, all the staff, the pupils and their families who contributed to this tremendous achievement; is pleased to hear that the habits being taught now are creating wonderful ripples as children engage their families in this work, and joins Mr Curley in congratulating the children on their commitment to caring for our environment.

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**1469 Clackmannan Development Trust**

Tabled: **9/02/21** Signatories: **7**

**John Nicolson**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**Chris Law**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Alyn Smith**

Chris Stephens

That this House commends the work of the Clackmannan Development Trust; highlights some of the incredible projects the Caring and Connected group have carried out during the covid-19 outbreak; further mentions Brucie's Buddies for its stellar effort from March 2020 onwards, not only in supplying people in need with essential food and prescriptions, but also in helping locals to combat loneliness.

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**1471 Highland Third Sector Awards**

Tabled: **9/02/21** Signatories: **8**

**Drew Hendry**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Neale Hanvey**  
**Hannah Bardell**  
**Chris Law**  
**Steven Bonnar**

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates all those who were honoured in the Highland Third Sector Awards, held online on the 4 February 2021; notes that the awards were hosted by Highland Third Sector Interface and included three new categories to recognise the immense work of volunteers during the covid-19 outbreak; congratulates Highland Blindcraft of Ardconnel Street, Inverness who were named Social Enterprise of the Year for how they looked after their 23 employees, 19 of whom have a disability, during the outbreak; congratulates Heather Fraser from Grantown for receiving the Covid Response Volunteer award for her work in setting up a volunteer helpline from 8.00am to 10.00pm, seven days a week during the first lockdown to help anyone who needed it; congratulates local charity Mikeyline on being named Community Welfare champion, for responding to people's fears and distress with their You Are Not Alone call back service; and finally, congratulates all other winners who were recognised in the awards.

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**1472 Sale of unsafe goods on online marketplaces**

Tabled: 9/02/21 Signatories: 11

**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Alison Thewliss**

Chris Stephens

That this House notes that unsafe products continue to be sold on online marketplaces; further notes the risks that these unsafe products pose to users; recognises that more consumers are dependent on online marketplaces due to covid-19 restrictions; further recognises that many online marketplaces are not taking responsibility for the goods sold on their platforms; is concerned that research by Electrical Safety First shows that an estimated 7,000 domestic fires in Great Britain are caused by faulty electrical products every year; is further concerned that consumers are not protected by consumer rights legislation when shopping on online marketplaces; and urges the Government to include the sale of unsafe goods on online marketplaces within the scope of the online safety Bill.

**1473 Legacy benefit uplift in response to covid-19**

Tabled: 9/02/21 Signatories: 19

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Neale Hanvey**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Hannah Bardell**  
**Chris Law**

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the financial effect that the covid-19 outbreak has had on disabled people; further recognises that research from the Disability Benefits Consortium found that over six in 10 disabled people in the survey had gone without essentials such as food, heating or medication since the pandemic began; is concerned that no uplift was provided to people on legacy benefits such as employment and support allowance, jobseeker's allowance and income support; calls on the Government to implement a £20 uplift for legacy benefits to reflect the additional costs disabled people have faced; and further calls on the Government to commission research to assess the adequacy of benefits for disabled people.

**1474 Christopher Kapessa**

Tabled: 9/02/21 Signatories: 22

**Beth Winter**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Kim Johnson**

Hywel Williams  
 Claudia Webbe

Liz Saville Roberts

Ben Lake

That this House stands in solidarity with the family of Christopher Kapessa, a 13 year old child, who died after being pushed into the River Cynon in South Wales on 1 July 2019; extends its sympathy to his family; has concerns about the South Wales Police investigation into Christopher's death; expresses alarm at the Crown Prosecution Service decision that it was not in the public interest to seek a prosecution despite their own admission that sufficient evidence did exist to bring a charge of manslaughter; acknowledges the family's assertion that the case has been marred by institutional racism; demands justice for Christopher and his family; and calls on the UK Government and others to recommit to learning the lessons from the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry and to challenge and root out systemic and structural racism within the criminal justice system.

**1476 RNIB Eye Too Work project**

Tabled: 9/02/21 Signatories: 14

**Jim Shannon**  
**Paul Girvan**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Margaret Ferrier**

Chris Stephens

That this House notes the RNIB Eye Too Work project which is helping the blind and those suffering from visual impairment to find employment; notes that currently only one in four registered blind people work; highlights that the programme offers an extensive range of activities, training and support and is tailored to each participant's individual needs and abilities prior to an optional paid work placement; and thanks RNIB for the sterling work that they are doing to enable more blind people to enter into employment and further show employers that this disability does not in any way impact their ability to be a productive member of any team.

**1479 Maternity leave and covid-19**

Tabled: 9/02/21 Signatories: 12

**John Nicolson**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Neale Hanvey**  
**Hannah Bardell**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Paula Barker**

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises that many pregnant and new mothers were prevented from accessing the essential benefits of maternity leave due to the covid-19 outbreak; missed out on important elements such as free dental care and socialising in person with other mothers; and recommends that those people who missed out on these benefits are given an extension to their maternity leave and any additional benefits that have been denied to them, importantly, dental care which is a crucial aspect for pregnant and new mothers.

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**1481 Seafarers' hours of work and rest**

Tabled: 10/02/21 Signatories: 23

**Ian Mearns**  
**Mr Alistair Carmichael**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Rebecca Long Bailey**

Drew Hendry  
Roberts

Hywel Williams  
Ben Lake

Liz Saville

That this House notes the World Maritime University's (WMU) EVREST report evaluating the regulation of seafarers' hours of rest and work; notes that the report, based on interviews with seafarers, maritime safety and port state regulators, flag states and seafarer organisations, finds an ingrained culture of under-reporting and falsification of seafarers' hours of work and rest which implicates the entire industry, from flag states and shipowners to the seafarers onboard; further notes the report's conclusion that a 14 hour working day has become standardised for some seafarers, in contravention of the ILO Maritime Labour Convention; agrees with maritime union RMT that the WMU report exposes a culture of fatigue and downward commercial pressure on seafarers and safe crewing levels, long standing problems in the ferries sector, which are exacerbated in the deep sea supply chain by the demands of multinationals such as Amazon; believes that the coronavirus pandemic has intensified the crisis in seafarer working conditions and that this requires stronger regulatory and enforcement responses at domestic and international level; and calls upon the Government to work with maritime trade unions to implement the recommendations of the WMU report.

**1482 Protecting rail catering services**

Tabled: 10/02/21 Signatories: 18

**Grahame Morris**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Rebecca Long Bailey**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Rachel Hopkins**

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises that rail catering is a vital part of a high quality rail passenger offer and will play an important role in encouraging travellers back to the rail network when it is safe to do so; believes that the presence of catering staff also makes passengers feel more secure when travelling by train and understands that recent research conducted by Transport Focus found that staff play a central role in making passengers feel safe on trains; is concerned that across the UK, many rail catering workers are outsourced, with less job security and inferior working conditions compared to directly employed staff; commends the Welsh Government's decision in 2020 to bring its on-board catering staff in-house; notes that South Western Railway, whose operations are currently being funded by the Government via an Emergency Recovery Measures Agreement (ERMA) has recently terminated its on-board catering contract with provider Elixor and that this decision was authorised by the Department for Transport; supports the Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers Union (RMT) campaign to protect rail catering; and calls on the Government to ensure that catering is protected across the rail network and all outsourced rail catering contracts are brought in-house at the earliest opportunity.

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**1483 David Martindale Livingston Football Club manager**

Tabled: 10/02/21 Signatories: 4

**Hannah Bardell**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House welcomes the decision of the Scottish Football Association to deem David Martindale fit and proper to be the Livingston Football Club manager; understands that David Martindale's previous conviction for drug offences meant his suitability needed to be ratified; recognises the importance of rehabilitation of offenders and the value they can bring to their community; acknowledges the inspirational work of David Martindale which has been recognised in the football community; notes the recent achievements of David Martindale and the Livingston FC team achieving a record 11 games unbeaten and reaching a cup final; and wishes David Martindale, the team and all at Livingston FC the very best of luck in the upcoming Bet Fred League Cup Final against St Mirren.

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**1484 School breakfast**

Tabled: 10/02/21 Signatories: 43

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck  
 Kim Johnson  
 Tahir Ali  
 Kate Osborne  
 Jamie Stone  
 Florence Eshalomi

Paul Blomfield

Chris Stephens

Andrew Gwynne

That this House notes that school breakfasts tackle classroom hunger and improve children's energy, behaviour, and concentration, leading to improved academic attainment; further notes that improved attainment enables children to leave school ready to secure highly paid work, contributing to economic growth; notes that the Government's current National Breakfast Programme is reaching 650 schools and the proposed School Breakfast Bill would reach 8700; and calls on the Government to accept the fully costed proposals prepared for the School Breakfast Bill before the National School Breakfast Programme ceases in July 2021.

**1485 Dai Davies Wales goalkeeper 1948 to 2020**

Tabled: 10/02/21 Signatories: 7

Jonathan Edwards  
 Margaret Ferrier  
 Ben Lake  
 Hywel Williams  
 Liz Saville Roberts  
 Steven Bonnar

Chris Stephens

That this House notes the sad passing of Wales goalkeeping legend Dai Davies; further notes that Mr Davies was born in the village of Glanamman in the heart of the Amman valley, Carmarthenshire; notes that Mr Davies started his career with Swansea City Football Club before joining Everton in 1970-77, later representing Wrexham, Swansea again and serving as a player coach with Tranmere Rovers before retiring in 1987; further notes that Mr Davies was capped by the Welsh national football team on 52 occasions between 1975-82; acknowledges Mr Davies' contribution as a media commentator on Welsh football after his retirement as a player; recognises his love for Welsh culture and the language and his initiation to the Gorsedd y Beirdd in 1978; and remembers Mr Davies as a true gentleman and great Welsh national ambassador and icon.

**1486 Tenth anniversary of Bahrain's revolution**

Tabled: 10/02/21 Signatories: 14

Layla Moran  
 Caroline Lucas  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Mr Alistair Carmichael  
 Wendy Chamberlain  
 Jamie Stone

Andrew Gwynne

That this House notes the 10th anniversary of Bahrain's revolution protesting structural inequalities, corruption, oppression, and a lack of government representation; expresses its concern that there

remains a lack of democratic structures and that human rights abuses are still occurring in the country; observes that the UK Government has continued to support the Bahraini regime with little meaningful opposition of its continued human rights abuses despite Bahrain being listed as a human rights priority country by the UK; calls upon the UK Government to work for the immediate and unconditional release of Bahraini political prisoners; urges the UK Government to work with Bahrain to facilitate a democratic transition; calls for consideration of Magnitsky sanctions for those known to be perpetrators of human rights atrocities; and urges the UK Government to end arms exports to Bahrain and to adopt a presumption of denial when considering licence applications for exports to the country.

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#### 1487 **Baha'i land in Iran**

Tabled: **10/02/21** Signatories: **11**

**Lloyd Russell-Moyle**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Rachel Hopkins**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Carol Monaghan**

John McDonnell  
 Ms Diane Abbott

Jeremy Corbyn  
 Chris Stephens

Richard Burgon

That this House notes the judgment of Branch 54 of the Special Court for Article 49 of the Constitution in Iran, issued on 1 August 2020 and a further extraordinary session of the Court of Appeal on 13 October 2020 in the case of properties and farms belonging to a community of Baha'is; further notes the effect of these judgments appears to finalise the expropriation of lands that Baha'is have farmed for nearly 150 years; observes that Baha'i rights can be dismissed though their omission from the Constitution; and calls on the UK Government to make urgent representations to the Iranian authorities to prevent the dispossession of this law-abiding religious community.

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#### 1489 **200th anniversary of Heriot-Watt University**

Tabled: **10/02/21** Signatories: **18**

**Joanna Cherry**  
**Carol Monaghan**  
**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**Neale Hanvey**

Chris Stephens

That this House notes that Heriot-Watt University will be celebrating in 2021 the 200th anniversary of its founding roots in 1821; further notes that Heriot-Watt University created the world's first mechanics' institute in the heart of Edinburgh; commends Heriot-Watt University on its substantial contribution to Scotland and the world through pioneering research in fields as diverse as robotics and autonomous systems, earth and marine sciences, medical technology and decarbonisation; recognises that Heriot-Watt will be looking to the future with a renewed focus on helping society tackle current and future challenges sustainably and on delivering real world impact in the fields of business, STEM and design; acknowledges that that University will recognise the enduring legacy of Scotland's father of modern economics, Adam Smith, by establishing the inaugural Panmure House Prize for the best research proposal in long-term investment to fund radical innovation; understands that alumni, students, staff and stakeholders are invited to celebrate Heriot-Watt's remarkable

record of innovation at its global network of campuses in Scotland, Malaysia and Dubai through a series of virtual events and debates; and wishes all students and staff at that University every success in their future endeavours.

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**1490 Scottish Government's Connecting Scotland scheme**

Tabled: 11/02/21 Signatories: 9

**Drew Hendry**  
**Chris Law**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Steven Bonnar**  
**Stewart Hosie**  
**Neale Hanvey**

Chris Stephens

That this House welcomes the news that Highland Council is expecting a delivery of 617 tablets and laptops this week to ensure that the most vulnerable children, young people and families are not digitally excluded; notes that those who receive a device will also have access to Digital Champions in Highland Council to help them to maximise their devices and connectivity; and recognises that this initiative was made possible through the Scottish Government's Connecting Scotland scheme, supported by Mi-Fi devices which will help ensure connectivity with unlimited data for families for up to two years.

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**1491 Low carbon vehicles and construction work**

Tabled: 11/02/21 Signatories: 3

**Mike Amesbury**  
**Mike Hill**  
**Sir George Howarth**

That this House congratulates the Batch on Site Association (BSA) and its members for reducing the carbon footprint of essential construction supplies, especially in town and city centres, rural areas and in carrying out emergency road repairs by utility companies; further congratulates Mobile Concrete Batching Plant manufacturers, Armcon, BayLynx, Cementeh, KC3, Mixamate, Proall and Roadmaster Omega using aluminium and Hardox lighter steels to reduce vehicle weights, but accepts the evidence of 200 UK construction companies that cutting their weight from 38.4 and 44 tonnes to 32 tonnes damages the ability of those vehicles to supply the widest possible range of cements to the biggest number of customers in one trip, replacing single lorry journeys with multiple journeys, causing a much higher carbon footprint, with more fuel used and generating more CO, Nox, SO<sub>2</sub>, VOCs and PMs; further notes that planned Government restrictions from 2028 on those specialist vehicles severely limits the flexible supply of concrete and has contributed to a 600% decline in the manufacture of MCBPs from over 220 in 2017 to fewer than 35 now; notes that users of MCBPs provide 3,150 FTE jobs directly, and 5,350 indirectly, generating £210 million in GVA; further notes the report submitted to the Department of Transport by Regeneris Analysts calculating the weight changes will increase the number of round-trip lorry journeys by 325,000 pa and add 750,000 more miles to lorry journeys, a 25 per cent increase in vehicle miles; and calls on the Government to make permanent the temporary 38.4T and 44T weight limits.

**1492 Global vaccines**

Tabled: 11/02/21 Signatories: 7

**Ben Lake**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Stephen Farry**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Kenny MacAskill**

Chris Stephens

That this House celebrates the development of several vaccines against covid-19; highlights that with the development of covid-19 mutations across the world UK domestic recovery is dependent on collective vaccination efforts globally; believes that the UK has a duty to support vaccine distribution in low-income countries and promote the expansion of production capabilities in the global south; and calls on the UK Government to work with the World Health Organisation's Covid-19 Vaccines Global Access (COVAX) allies to accelerate vaccine distribution to defeat the virus worldwide and prevent future pandemics.

**1494 Provision of free transport to vaccine appointments**

Tabled: 11/02/21 Signatories: 7

**Owen Thompson**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Chris Law**  
**Steven Bonnar**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**Neale Hanvey**

Chris Stephens

That this House commends transport charity Handicabs Lothian (HcL Transport) on its offer to provide people in Midlothian and the Lothians with mobility challenges with free transport to get their Covid-19 vaccine; understands that anyone who has challenges getting out and about due to age, disability, health issues, additional support needs or geographic remoteness can take up the offer; notes that HcL Transport has its Midlothian base in Loanhead and has been operating for 37 years providing door-through-door transport for people with mobility challenges; and urges anyone in need of this service to contact that charity.

**1495 Children and young people's mental health funding in Midlothian**

Tabled: 11/02/21 Signatories: 7

**Owen Thompson**  
**Chris Law**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**Neale Hanvey**  
**Carol Monaghan**

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates the Midlothian Children and Young Peoples Consortium on being awarded £170,000 to provide additional mental health support for children and young people in Midlothian; notes that the consortium is comprised of Midlothian Sure Start, Home Link Family Support, Play Therapy Base, MYPAS and Play Midlothian; understands that the funds were provided



from Midlothian's share of the Community Support Mental Health Services Framework fund – an annual fund from the Scottish Government distributed to local authorities; and wishes these groups well in using these funds to work with 130 young people and 95 parents/carers to improve children, young people and family mental health.

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#### 1496 Visiting in care homes and hospitals during the covid-19 outbreak

Tabled: 11/02/21 Signatories: 36

**Ms Harriet Harman**  
**Ms Karen Buck**  
**Mike Hill**  
**Steven Bonnar**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Sir Graham Brady**

Sarah Olney  
 Wera Hobhouse  
 Andrew Gwynne  
 Dame Margaret Hodge

Andy Slaughter  
 Kim Johnson  
 Mr Clive Betts  
 Dan Carden

Mr Virendra Sharma  
 Jack Dromey  
 Sir Desmond Swayne

That this House notes the letter from the Chair of the Joint Committee on Human Rights to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on the matter of visits to people in care homes and hospitals during the covid-19 outbreak; is deeply concerned about the acute distress many older and disabled people and younger people in residential care and their families are experiencing by being prevented from visiting; recognises that a failure to adopt an individualised approach to the safety of visits risks breaching the right of patients, residents and their families to family life (Article 8 ECHR); further recognises that this must be balanced with the duty to protect the right to life (Article 2 ECHR) for those living and working in care homes and hospitals by preventing infection within these settings; further notes the Committee's proposals in the draft regulations using powers in the Health and Social Care Act 2008, which they published alongside their letter; and calls on the Government to legislate to ensure that visits are able to take place subject to individualised risk assessments.

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#### 1497 Support to tackle food waste

Tabled: 11/02/21 Signatories: 11

**Neil Parish**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Sir Mike Penning**

Claudia Webbe

Andrew Selous

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the valuable work of FareShare, the UK's biggest charity fighting hunger and food waste, in providing two million meals per week to people in need during the covid-19 pandemic; acknowledges that it is deeply regrettable that two million tonnes of food goes to waste in the UK every year, as well as noting that food waste has a significant negative environmental impact, which can be mitigated by FareShare's work with British farmers and the food industry to divert waste food to people's plates through their Surplus With Purpose scheme; and encourages the Government to continue to support FareShare in that endeavour.

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**1498 Child poverty in the North East**

Tabled: 11/02/21 Signatories: 14

**Ian Lavery**  
**Ian Mearns**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Catherine McKinnell**

Alex Cunningham

Chris Stephens

That this House notes that more than one in three children and young people are growing up in poverty in the North East and this figure rises to 42 per cent for children under the age of five; further notes that with a rise from 26 per cent to 35 per cent the North East experienced the steepest increase in child poverty rates of anywhere in the country between 2014-15 and 2018-19; recognises the serious impact that childhood poverty can have on children's physical health, mental wellbeing, education and life chances; welcomes the cross-sector support from the region for urgent and ongoing action to tackle growing levels of child poverty, including from the North East Child Poverty Commission, North East Chamber of Commerce and Voluntary Organisations' Network North East; acknowledges the findings of a recent End Child Poverty survey that less than one in five people think the Government is doing all it can to tackle this issue; and calls on the Chancellor to ensure that the Budget on 3 March 2021 sets out a cross-Departmental plan to tackle child poverty by raising family incomes, including by retaining the £20 a week uplift to universal credit for at least 12 months and committing to increasing child-related benefits in the near future.

**1499 Death of Byron Criddle**

Tabled: 11/02/21 Signatories: 7

**Alison Thewliss**  
**Chris Law**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Steven Bonnar**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**Neale Hanvey**

Chris Stephens

That this House notes the sad passing on 20 January 2021 of Dr Byron Criddle, author and emeritus reader in politics at the University of Aberdeen; appreciates the contribution Dr Criddle made to political and parliamentary studies through his work on the British Election Series, Parliamentary Profiles, and the Almanac of British Politics; thanks Dr Criddle on behalf of the generations of students whom he inspired and entertained with his uniquely colourful accounts of British, French and US politics; and sends sincerest condolences to his family and friends.

**1500 Covid-19 and Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities deaths**

Tabled: 11/02/21 Signatories: 12

**Apsana Begum**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Zarah Sultana**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**Ms Diane Abbott**

Chris Stephens

That this House notes the analysis of 3 February 2021 highlighted by Professor Kevin Fenton, Public Health England that London's Asian communities have been hardest hit by the covid-19 second wave; further notes that for some time evidence has shown that covid-19 has had a disproportionate effect on people from a Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority (BAME) background; believes that BAME communities should be prioritised for a vaccine rollout in addition to the other vulnerable groups and healthcare workers; calls on the Government to amend its advice on priority groups for covid-19 vaccination in order to reflect this and to ensure that the data on covid-19 deaths and the vaccination rollout broken down by ethnicity is published; and further calls on the Government to communicate this widely through a range of effective and targeted media as a part of a comprehensive strategy to address the disproportionate effect of the pandemic on BAME communities.

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**1501 Library closures**

Tabled: 11/02/21 Signatories: 17

**Apsana Begum**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Beth Winter**  
**Ian Byrne**  
**Clive Lewis**

Chris Stephens

That this House notes the ongoing concerns on the effect of austerity on local library services and that the covid-19 pandemic has led to new worries that financial pressures on local authorities could mean further cuts and reductions to services; believes in the value of local libraries and that despite the growth in digital technologies, there is still a clear need to physically access books and a demand within communities for modern, safe, non-judgemental, flexible library spaces for people of all ages, supported by the help and knowledge of the library workforce; further notes that local libraries are particularly important for the vulnerable in society who need support and guidance and for children and young people who benefit from engagement with libraries outside of the formal classroom environment; is concerned that the covid-19 pandemic has highlighted existing educational inequalities and the digital divide, and that many do not have access to devices or internet provision; and calls on the Government to ensure that libraries are reopened when it is safe as part of a sustainable, long-term future for local public libraries.