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New EDMs

1543 Centralisation of Highland and Island services in Inverness

Tabled: 24/02/21 Signatories: 1

Jamie Stone

That this House regrets the centralisation of Highland and Island services in Inverness; notes that centralising HIAL air traffic controllers in Inverness will leave towers at Island and Highland airports unmanned and is concerned that this poses a risk to passengers; and further notes that £6.5 million has been spent so far on this project against the wishes of local communities.

1544 London Capital & Finance Plc bondholder compensation

Tabled: 24/02/21 Signatories: 1

Neale Hanvey

That this House recognises the significant losses of the 11,625 London Capital & Finance Plc (LC&F) bondholders who invested about £237million and may only get 20 per cent of their investment back following the scheme's failure; notes that the Financial Services Compensation Scheme has paid £56.3 million in compensation to 2,878 LC&F bondholders to date; welcomes the publication of the independent investigation report by Dame Elizabeth Gloster in December 2020; notes that the report was strongly critical of the Financial Conduct Authority's approach, contending that the regulator had failed to fulfil its statutory objectives; further notes that the FCA and the Government have accepted all 13 recommendations from the report; welcomes the announcement from the Government that it will establish its own compensation scheme for LC&F bondholders; and urges the Government to set out the terms of the scheme at the earliest opportunity.

1545 Political and security situation in Myanmar

Tabled: 24/02/21 Signatories: 33

Rushanara Ali
Jeremy Hunt
Ms Harriet Harman
Dame Margaret Hodge
Layla Moran
Caroline Lucas

Andrew Rosindell
 Clive Lewis
 Patrick Grady
 Jon Cruddas
 Rachel Hopkins
 Kevin Brennan
 Allan Dorans
 Kenny MacAskill
 Mr William Wragg

Stephen Timms
 Chris Stephens
 Wera Hobhouse
 Kim Johnson
 Tonia Antoniazzi
 Mick Whitley
 Jonathan Edwards
 Andrew Gwynne
 Mike Hill

Sammy Wilson
 Gavin Newlands
 Alan Brown
 John Spellar
 Apsana Begum
 Claudia Webbe
 Carol Monaghan
 Grahame Morris
 Siobhain McDonagh

That this House condemns the military coup in Myanmar (Burma); demands the immediate release of all political prisoners; extends solidarity to fellow Members of Parliament who have been denied the right to exercise their democratically elected mandate; welcomes the establishment by Parliamentarians of representative committees from national, regional and state parliaments; further welcomes the condemnation of the coup by the British government; calls on the British Government not to impose generalised sanctions such as withdrawing trade privileges, which will disproportionately impact workers, and instead focus on sanctioning military companies; further calls on the British Government to build a global coalition of countries imposing arms embargoes; and calls on the British Government to join the genocide case at the International Court of Justice and to publicly support the referral of the situation in Burma to the International Criminal Court.

1546 Proposed changes to the London weighting to London universities teaching grant

Tabled: 24/02/21 Signatories: 1

Munira Wilson

That this House is deeply concerned by the Department for Education's guidance letter issued to the Office for Students on the teaching grant for 2021-22 that pledges to remove weightings for London providers; notes that the costs of removing London weighting to the T-grant will most likely be shouldered by students; further notes that the costs of the cuts will have a disproportionate impact on those from widening participation backgrounds; considers that half of the boroughs in London are in the most deprived third of English local authorities and therefore appreciates that the cuts would hit the economies of the poorest boroughs the hardest; further appreciates that such cuts could result in the rollback of student mental health and wellbeing services; urges the Government to take into account that London is already the UK's most expensive city in which to live and study; further asks the Government to consider the substantial output of London university research, as the proposals risk the loss of more than 1000 academics and calls on the Government to reconsider the proposals so that the financial burden is not carried by students who choose to study in London.

1547 Regulation of genetic technologies in food and farmingTabled: **24/02/21** Signatories: **1****Caroline Lucas**

That this House notes with concern the proposed removal of risk assessment and traceability safeguards from new gene editing techniques in England, as set out in the DEFRA Consultation on the Regulation of Genetic Technologies which closes on 17 March 2021; further notes concerns that the vigorous promotion of gene editing is out of step with the complexity of the science, the needs of farmers, the UK's potential as a world leader in agroecological innovation, the wishes of consumers, and the Government's own environmental and farm animal welfare ambitions; further notes concerns that, like the vast majority of GM crops grown around the world, the first gene edited crop to be commercially cultivated is engineered to withstand repeated application of particular weed killers in industrial farming systems that harm biodiversity, encourage the development of herbicide-tolerant super weeds and increase farmers' dependency on high cost inputs; further notes concerns that the current consultation falls short of a robust attempt to understand public and stakeholder views on the use of genetic engineering in food and farming, which would require a well-resourced and in-depth UK-wide initiative similar to the 2003 GM Nation public debate; and calls on the Government to establish effective regulation of all forms of genetic engineering that encompasses transparent assessments of the scientific, social, ethical and economic impacts of each proposed release, and upholds the right of farmers, consumers and devolved nations to choose, including through full traceability and clear labelling across the food chain.

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.

1445 Vulnerability to alcohol harmsTabled: **4/02/21** Signatories: **12****Grahame Morris****Mike Hill****Mary Kelly Foy****Bell Ribeiro-Addy****Navendu Mishra****Kate Osborne**

Dan Carden

That this House is alarmed at the recent sharp increase in alcohol deaths revealed in provisional data released recently by the Office for National Statistics which have hit a record high during the pandemic; is disturbed that the number of people in treatment for an alcohol issue has fallen by nearly one fifth since 2013-14 with around four out of five dependent drinkers not accessing any kind of support; is deeply concerned by reports of increased domestic violence, recognising the strong relationship between alcohol consumption and domestic abuse; notes that Institute of Alcohol Studies (IAS) research examining patterns of alcohol-related violence across England and Wales between 2013-14 and 2017-18 revealed that those from the lowest socioeconomic groups were disproportionately at risk of victimisation; further notes that the IAS recommendations included removal of barriers to accessing support services, improvements in provision of publicly funded domestic violence services and a substantial increase in alcohol-treatment services; recognises that for many isolated older service users, who value face-to-face contact above all, their phone call from an alcohol service has been one of the few interactions with the outside

world during the pandemic; commends the Drink Wise, Age Well programme for highlighting the vulnerability of the over-50 age group and helping to reduce stigma, build resilience and secure support; and calls on the Government to prioritise an alcohol action plan, informed by service providers and service users, and its implementation, to address these issues and reduce alcohol harms.

1450 Zero covid strategy

Tabled: 4/02/21 Signatories: 41

Richard Burgon
Ms Diane Abbott
Liz Saville Roberts
Caroline Lucas
Dr Philippa Whitford
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Tim Farron

That this House notes with sadness that the UK has now had more than 100,000 covid-19 deaths, with one of the highest death rates in the world; further notes that the Government's strategy to live with the virus and balance the loss of lives and the economy has led to failure on both counts with the UK also experiencing a particularly large economic downturn; recognises that in New Zealand, Vietnam and across countries following a Zero covid plan, the death rate is over a hundred times lower than in the UK and that their societies are reopening safely and their economies are recovering; recognises that, while covid-19 vaccines offer real hope and can be a key weapon in the battle against covid-19, it will be many months until everybody has been fully vaccinated; is concerned that if in the meantime the virus is allowed to circulate widely, many more will be infected with many more losing their lives, putting huge additional strain on the NHS, and risking further dangerous mutations of the virus; and calls on the UK Government urgently to adopt a Zero covid plan that seeks the maximum suppression of the virus as the best way to save lives and allow our communities and the economy to safely reopen.

1451 Intellectual property and covid-19 response

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 36

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

Allan Dorans
 Brendan O'Hara

Drew Hendry

Marion Fellows

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.

1456 Tenth anniversary of the Bahraini revolution

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 29

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

Carla Lockhart

Alan Brown

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.

1463 Removing barriers to education

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 43

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

Tim Farron

Angus Brendan MacNeil

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.

1464 Debora Kayembe elected 54th Rector of the University of Edinburgh

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 9

Owen Thompson
Drew Hendry
John Nicolson
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans

Patrick Grady

Peter Grant

That this House congratulates Debora Kayembe on her election as the 54th Rector of the University of Edinburgh; notes that Debora Kayembe has a distinguished varied career as a lawyer and linguist, having been called to the Congolese Bar Association in 2000, being a member of the Institute of Translation and Interpreting from 2010 to 2020 and working in the language services of the office of the prosecutor at the International Criminal Court and the International Criminal Court Bar Association; further notes that Debora served as Scottish Refugee Council board member from 2013 to 2016; further recognises that she joined the Royal Society of Edinburgh/Young Academy of Scotland representing refugee minorities, has a seat as an expert lawyer to the RSE Working Group for Africa and in 2017 founded the charity Full Options; understands that as Rector, Debora will be a member of the University's most powerful decision-making body, the University Court, playing a presiding role to ensure all voices are heard in making important decisions that effect students and staff; and wishes Debora the best of luck as well as thanking her predecessor in the role, Ann Henderson.

1470 Cabs for Jobs Scheme Inverness

Tabled: 9/02/21 Signatories: 8

Drew Hendry
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Neale Hanvey
Hannah Bardell
Chris Law

Patrick Grady

That this House commends the Inverness Taxi Alliance on their proposed cabs for jobs scheme, offering safe transport to elderly and vulnerable people receiving their covid-19 vaccine; notes the unique scheme would be financed through community fundraising, exchanging donations for cab rides to allow individuals free transport in their local area; and finally, thanks all taxi drivers who are willing to help set this scheme up in the Inverness area.

1479 Maternity leave and covid-19

Tabled: 9/02/21 Signatories: 13

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

Peter Grant

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.

1481 Seafarers' hours of work and rest

Tabled: 10/02/21 Signatories: 24

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

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

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: 19

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

Jim Shannon

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 Elix 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.

1483 David Martindale Livingston Football Club manager

Tabled: 10/02/21 Signatories: 6

Hannah Bardell
Margaret Ferrier
Allan Dorans
Chris Stephens
Jim Shannon
Peter Grant

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.

1484 School breakfast

Tabled: 10/02/21 Signatories: 46

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

Jim Shannon

Navendu Mishra

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: 9

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

Jim Shannon

Peter Grant

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: 15

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

Jim Shannon

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.

1487 **Baha'i land in Iran**

Tabled: **10/02/21** Signatories: **14**

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

Jim Shannon

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.

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

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

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

Jim Shannon

Peter Grant

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.

1490 Scottish Government's Connecting Scotland scheme

Tabled: 11/02/21 Signatories: 11

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

Jim Shannon

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.

1491 Low carbon vehicles and construction work

Tabled: 11/02/21 Signatories: 5

Mike Amesbury
Mike Hill
Sir George Howarth
Jim Shannon
John Spellar

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, SO₂, 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: 10

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

Jim Shannon

Peter Grant

Navendu Mishra

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: 12

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

Jim Shannon

Peter Grant

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: 10

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

Jim Shannon

Peter Grant

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.

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

Tabled: 11/02/21 Signatories: 38

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

Jim Shannon

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.

1497 Support to tackle food waste

Tabled: 11/02/21 Signatories: 12

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

Jim Shannon

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.

1498 Child poverty in the North East

Tabled: 11/02/21 Signatories: 16

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

Jim Shannon

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 percent 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: 13

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

Jim Shannon

Peter Grant

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.

1503 Religious freedoms in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 4

Robert Halfon
Jonathan Edwards
Bob Blackman
Jim Shannon

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, Yezidis, 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.

1505 VAT on Zero Carbon Domestic Renewables

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 4

Tim Farron
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
John McNally

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.

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

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 10

David Linden
Hannah Bardell
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards
Alison Thewliss

Patrick Grady

Peter Grant

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.

1507 Rosslyn Chapel junior tour guides

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 9

Owen Thompson
Hannah Bardell
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Marion Fellows

Patrick Grady

Peter Grant

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.

1508 Legacy of Gary Dall

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 8

Neale Hanvey
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Margaret Ferrier
Marion Fellows

Peter Grant

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.

1509 Balwearie High School breakfast club

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 6

Neale Hanvey
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Peter Grant

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.

1510 Vitamin D supplements and covid-19

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 8

Neale Hanvey
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards
Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon

Patrick Grady

Peter Grant

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: 8

Patrick Grady
Hannah Bardell
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Marion Fellows

Peter Grant

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: **7**

John Nicolson
Hannah Bardell
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon

Peter Grant

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: **11**

Patricia Gibson
Hannah Bardell
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards
Alison Thewliss

Patrick Grady

Peter Grant

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.

1515 VAT on hair and beauty servicesTabled: **22/02/21** Signatories: **32**

Alison Thewliss
Hannah Bardell
Chris Law
Kirsten Oswald
Owen Thompson
Allan Dorans

Carla Lockhart
 Stewart Malcolm McDonald
 Peter Grant
 Brendan O'Hara
 Kenny MacAskill
 John McNally
 Claudia Webbe

Gavin Newlands
 Alan Brown
 David Linden
 Paula Barker
 Drew Hendry
 Martin Docherty-Hughes
 Dave Doogan

Patrick Grady
 Carol Monaghan
 Amy Callaghan
 Dr Philippa Whitford
 Richard Thomson
 Munira Wilson

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.

1516 Good practice in Holocaust educationTabled: **22/02/21** Signatories: **12**

Kirsten Oswald
Gavin Newlands
John Nicolson
Steven Bonnar
Hannah Bardell
Chris Law

Patrick Grady

Peter Grant

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.

1517 **Barrhead schools' breakfast pilot**

Tabled: **22/02/21** Signatories: **8**

Kirsten Oswald
Hannah Bardell
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Marion Fellows

Peter Grant

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.

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

Tabled: **22/02/21** Signatories: **8**

Carol Monaghan
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon

Patrick Grady

Peter Grant

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.

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

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 8

Patrick Grady
 David Linden
 Chris Law
 Allan Dorans
 Alison Thewliss
 Marion Fellows

Peter Grant

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.

1520 Tony Collins: the first Black football league manager

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 10

Tony Lloyd
 Jonathan Edwards
 Apsana Begum
 Margaret Ferrier
 Mike Hill
 Jim Shannon

Peter Grant

Claudia Webbe

Ian Lavery

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.

1522 MOT tests and roadside air quality

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 5

Mr Barry Sheerman
 Jonathan Edwards
 Mike Hill
 Jim Shannon
 Claudia Webbe

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.

1523 Real Bread week campaign

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 20

Ian Mearns
Jonathan Edwards
Alison Thewliss
Apsana Begum
Rebecca Long Bailey
Mike Hill

Allan Dorans
 Paula Barker

Kate Osborne
 Claudia Webbe

Peter Grant
 Ian Lavery

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.

1526 The Green Homes Grant

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 7

Caroline Lucas
Jonathan Edwards
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Alan Brown

Claudia Webbe

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.

1527 Fairtrade Fortnight 2021

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 7

Margaret Ferrier
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards
Alison Thewliss
Mike Hill
Jim Shannon

Peter Grant

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.

1529 Assistive Products List

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 7

Dr Lisa Cameron
Hannah Bardell
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon

Alison Thewliss

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: 17

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

Dr Philippa Whitford
 Allan Dorans
 Ian Lavery

Layla Moran
 Jeremy Corbyn

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Wera Hobhouse

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: 13

Allan Dorans
Hannah Bardell
Chris Law
Kirsten Oswald
Owen Thompson
Alison Thewliss

Peter Grant

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.

1532 30th anniversary of Lemmings

Tabled: **22/02/21** Signatories: **7**

Owen Thompson
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards
Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon

Patrick Grady

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.

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

Tabled: **22/02/21** Signatories: **8**

Brendan O'Hara
Hannah Bardell
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Marion Fellows

Peter Grant

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.

1536 Investment in prison education technologyTabled: **23/02/21** Signatories: **15**

Zarah Sultana
Liz Saville Roberts
Paula Barker
Apsana Begum
Mary Kelly Foy
Grahame Morris

Jim Shannon
 Rachel Hopkins

Jeremy Corbyn

Caroline Lucas

That this House notes that the covid-19 outbreak has highlighted the importance of access to remote learning, especially in prisons; further notes that almost 90% of respondents to a survey of University and College Union members working in prisons reported that IT resources were not sufficient for the needs of staff or students and that poor technological infrastructure was having a negative impact on student learning; recognises that years of underinvestment in prison education and in-cell technology has meant that remote learning is currently impossible for the vast majority of prisoners; believes that the pandemic has also exposed numerous issues undermining the wider delivery of prison education, including underfunding, understaffing and other consequences of a commissioning system run for profit; and calls on the Government to invest urgently in prison education technology and professional training, developed and run by the public sector, to maximise learning opportunities for prisoners, both during this pandemic and beyond.

1537 Retirement of General Teaching Council (GTC) Scotland Chief ExecutiveTabled: **23/02/21** Signatories: **7**

Carol Monaghan
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady
Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans
Peter Grant

Drew Hendry

That this House marks the retirement of General Teaching Council (GTC) Scotland Chief Executive, Ken Muir; congratulates him on a career in education spanning more than 42 years; commends him for his life-long commitment to teaching excellence in Scotland; recognises his work as a registered teacher, GTC Scottish Government observer, HM Chief Inspector of Education, and GTC Chief Executive and Registrar; acknowledges the far-reaching impact he has had in supporting, representing, and championing both teachers and learners in Scotland; sincerely thanks him for his public service to the Scottish education sector, which has benefitted from his unwavering commitment to ensuring the very best for Scotland's schools; and wishes Mr Muir the very best on his retirement.

1538 Welsh Open 2021

Tabled: 23/02/21 Signatories: 5

Jim Shannon
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Paul Girvan
Carla Lockhart
Jonathan Edwards

That this House offers sincere congratulations to Jordan Brown for his tremendous victory over Ronnie Sullivan to win the Welsh Open 2021; notes that he is the lowest ranked player in 28 years to win a ranking title and the first player from Northern Ireland to win this coveted title; and wishes every success in the future for this young man who did Northern Ireland so proud and for whom there is greater yet to come.

1539 Murder of 800 worshippers in Ethiopia at St Mary of Zion Church

Tabled: 23/02/21 Signatories: 5

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Carla Lockhart
Sir Mike Penning
Jonathan Edwards

That this House notes with deep sadness the slaughter of 800 worshippers in Ethiopia at St Mary of Zion Church in November 2020; and affirms that this House will stand against such religious persecution at every opportunity; and resolves to offer aid to those being persecuted in that area of Ethiopia.

1540 Actions of Lloyds Pharmacy Clinical Healthcare Ltd during the covid-19 outbreak

Tabled: 23/02/21 Signatories: 2

Robert Halfon
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the concerns that residents of Harlow have raised over the actions of Lloyds Pharmacy Clinical Healthcare Ltd during the Covid-19 pandemic; condemns Lloyds' proposals to remove overtime rates for working late and at weekends, to move their employees on to a six-day week with a requirement to work on Saturdays and to only pay sick pay from the third day of illness; notes that the measures that Lloyds are proposing will significantly hurt staff and have a huge impact on their cost of living; and calls upon the Government to act to provide support to Lloyds employees.

1541 Libraries in the Wakefield district

Tabled: 23/02/21 Signatories: 2

Jon Trickett
Jim Shannon

That this House notes one of the key effects of a decade of austerity has been the loss of libraries as a community asset up and down the UK; notes that the first half of the austerity decade resulted in a 44% reduction in the number of libraries open in the Wakefield district; further notes that these

community assets act as hubs of local information for residents young and old; believes the loss of these resources has exacerbated educational inequalities, an issue that has been exposed by the Covid-19 Pandemic; and calls on the Government to invest in community libraries with a properly funded post Covid-19 recovery plan.

1542 Family Fund

Tabled: **23/02/21** Signatories: **16**

Marion Fellows
Carla Lockhart
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady
Kirsten Oswald
Owen Thompson

Allan Dorans
 Drew Hendry
 Kenny MacAskill
 Dr Philippa Whitford

Peter Grant
 Neil Gray
 Martin Docherty-Hughes

Gavin Newlands
 David Linden
 Stewart Malcolm McDonald

That this House commends Family Fund for their work across the country over the last 48 years; recognises that they have provided over 90,000 grants to families with disabled or seriously ill children over the last year; notes that Family Fund's aim is to work toward a vision that all families raising disabled or seriously ill children have the same choices, quality of life, opportunities and aspirations as other families; and congratulates all their staff on their excellent work especially during this difficult year.