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New EDMs

1690 **Proposal for a Proportional Property Tax to replace council tax**

Tabled: **24/03/21** Signatories: **1**

Grahame Morris

That this House supports the Government's proposals to rebalance the economy and promote the levelling up agenda; recognises the urgent need to reform the outdated system of council tax which is almost 30 years old and bears no resemblance to the current disparities of house prices; believes that council tax is an effective wealth tax for people living in modest homes placing the heaviest tax burden on young people, low-earners, and those living in less prosperous regions; supports the Fairer Share campaign to replace council tax and stamp duty with a progressive Proportional Property Tax; notes that that campaign's proposed policy would be revenue neutral while lowering property taxes for 19 million households; welcomes that proposed policy's option of a deferral mechanism for a small minority of households who are asset rich but cash poor, allowing the tax to be paid upon a change of ownership; and calls on the Government to acknowledge the need for reform and to begin the preparations for a transition from council tax to a fair and progressive Proportional Property Tax.

1691 **Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day 2021**

Tabled: **24/03/21** Signatories: **19**

Mary Kelly Foy
Kate Osborne
Navendu Mishra
Apsana Begum
Zarah Sultana
Ian Byrne

Rachel Hopkins
Olivia Blake

Sarah Owen
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Mick Whitley
Ian Lavery

Ian Mearns
Claudia Webbe
John McDonnell

Richard Burgon
Grahame Morris

Dawn Butler
Ms Diane Abbott

That this House notes that Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day takes place on 25 March 2021; supports the ambition to raise awareness of cerebral palsy; welcomes the publication of the report by the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Cerebral Palsy entitled Early identification, intervention and pathways of care of infants and young children with cerebral palsy: The case for reform and investment; is grateful for the contributions of those who submitted evidence for that report; further welcomes the recommendations contained within that report; and calls on the Government to enact the recommendations in that report at the earliest opportunity.

1692 Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Ranked Third in the World by QS University Rankings

Tabled: 24/03/21 Signatories: 1

Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland for placing among the top three universities in the world for Performing Arts, according to the QS University Rankings; celebrates the tireless work and dedication of that Conservatoire's staff and students who have made that Conservatoire a centre of excellence for the arts and who have met the enormous challenges posed by the covid-19 pandemic with great resilience and creativity; recognises the success of the RCS at Home programme in connecting artists from around the globe and bringing joy and comfort to many during a time of unprecedented hardship; and acknowledges the vital role that Conservatoire will play in healing our communities after the covid-19 pandemic through their learning and collaborative opportunities, and wonderful concert programming.

1693 First use of Naloxone by Police Scotland

Tabled: 24/03/21 Signatories: 1

Alison Thewliss

That this House recognises the work carried out by Police Scotland and the Drug Deaths Taskforce in supporting frontline police officers to carry and administer the opioid overdose reversal spray Naloxone; acknowledges that this constitutes an important step in combating the drug death epidemic which is scarring our communities; celebrates the quick thinking of the two officers in Glasgow who, within a few hours of receiving training, were the first to successfully administer Naloxone and who no doubt saved a life that would have been otherwise lost; and commends the public health approach employed by Police Scotland in dealing with the tragedy of drug-related deaths.

1694 The 150th anniversary of The Dunoon Observer and Argyllshire Standard

Tabled: 24/03/21 Signatories: 1

Brendan O'Hara

That this House congratulates the Dunoon Observer and Argyllshire Standard on the occasion of its 150th anniversary of providing the people of Dunoon and the Cowal peninsula with their weekly news; acknowledges that since the first edition of the then titled Argyllshire Standard and Advertiser for the Coast rolled off the presses in March 1871 with a front page that gave equal prominence to the Franco-Prussian War, the events at Dunoon Sheriff Court and the cattle sale at Kilmun, the paper has remained relevant, local and fiercely independent; notes that despite many

challenges over the past fifteen decades, including two World Wars, the Dunoon Observer and Argyllshire Standard has never missed a publication date and has become a cherished and much valued institution in the local community; thanks everyone who has worked so hard to keep the paper going for the past 150 years and wishes the current custodian of the editor's chair, Gordon Neish, every success in navigating the Dunoon Observer and Argyllshire Standard through these challenging times and wishes the newspaper every success in the future.

1695 Electrification of East-West Rail

Tabled: 24/03/21 Signatories: 1

Layla Moran

That this House notes that East-West Rail will link Oxford, Milton Keynes, Bedford and Cambridge by rail; acknowledges the completion of the first phase between Oxford and Bicester and announced funding for phase 2 from Bicester to Bletchley; is concerned that the Government does not plan for the route to be electrified and that other benefits of the scheme, including important rail links such as the Aylesbury Spur, have been put on hold; urges the Government to use the money that was allocated to the now-cancelled Oxford-Cambridge Expressway to enhance plans for East-West rail; calls on the Government to continue with the whole of the East-West Rail project and to design it to be as environmentally sustainable as possible from the start; further calls on the Government to fully fund and electrify East-West Rail.

1696 Immigration

Tabled: 24/03/21 Signatories: 24

Keir Starmer
Nick Thomas-Symonds
Holly Lynch
Valerie Vaz
John McDonnell
Mr Nicholas Brown

Claudia Webbe
 Kate Osborne
 Ian Byrne
 Kim Johnson
 Mr Alistair Carmichael
 Stephen Farry

Jeremy Corbyn
 Ian Mearns
 Apsana Begum
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Mohammad Yasin
 Kenny MacAskill

Beth Winter
 Mick Whitley
 Ms Diane Abbott
 Grahame Morris
 Tim Farron
 Navendu Mishra

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Immigration (Guidance on Detention of Vulnerable Persons) Regulations 2021 (S.I., 2021, No. 184), dated 23 February 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 25 February 2021, be annulled.

1697 Strike at SPS TechnologiesTabled: **24/03/21** Signatories: **5**

Claudia Webbe
Grahame Morris
Kate Osborne
Rachel Hopkins
Mick Whitley

That this House notes that staff at aerospace parts firm SPS Technologies in Leicester are taking strike action against management proposals to dismiss and re-engage employees on inferior contracts, a practice commonly known as "fire and rehire"; further notes that SPS made 200 members of staff at its Barkby Road site redundant last summer instead of furloughing them, and that the imposed changes will see the salaries of the remaining 280 workers cut by between £2,500 and £3,000 and result in reductions to overtime pay, sick pay, paid breaks, shift premiums and other terms and conditions; believes that this is an appalling way for SPS to treat its committed staff, who have worked throughout the pandemic to keep the company operational; calls on SPS to take the shameful threat of "fire and rehire" off the table and start negotiating with Unite the union in good faith to secure a long-term future for the company and its workforce; and further calls on the Government to introduce legislation outlawing this abusive employment practice as a matter of urgency.

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.

1614 Pay Disparity Dispute at RAF LeemingTabled: **10/03/21** Signatories: **12**

Grahame Morris
Rachel Hopkins
Ian Lavery
Mick Whitley
Navendu Mishra
Emma Hardy

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck Kate Osborne

That this House is concerned that Babcock Aerospace workers providing operational and engineering services at the RAF Leeming base near Northallerton, North Yorkshire, are presently denied shift payments of around £5,000 per annum awarded to their colleagues undertaking the same safety-critical duties at RAF Valley in Wales; believes that this pay disparity unfairly impacts on the skilled and dedicated workforce; notes that Unite the Union has sought to avoid the need to take industrial action, but the intransigence of Babcock management in refusing to address the disparity in pay has rendered this unavoidable; and therefore calls on the employer to enter into meaningful negotiations with the union to avoid any future disruption to training flights and to ensure that the workers at the base are fairly remunerated.

1624 UK's annual blossom season

Tabled: 11/03/21 Signatories: 11

Tracey Crouch
Catherine McKinnell
Wera Hobhouse
Sir Mike Penning
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake

Tim Farron

That this House celebrates Britain's annual blossom season as one of the most beautiful in the world; recognises blossom's significance as a national symbol of spring, renewal and hope that all communities can enjoy, made all the important in the midst of the nation's effort to tackle coronavirus; notes the importance of trees and nature for tackling climate change and supporting physical and mental wellbeing; further notes that Hanami, the Japanese blossom season boosted its economy by about \$2.7 billion in 2018 and provides annual opportunities for connection with nature and tourism; and therefore welcomes the National Trust's #BlossomWatch campaign to celebrate and raise awareness of the arrival of spring and blossom nationwide

1626 Auditory Verbal UK charity

Tabled: 11/03/21 Signatories: 8

Dr Lisa Cameron
John McDonnell
Peter Grant
Neale Hanvey
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans

Marion Fellows

That this House celebrates the charity, Auditory Verbal UK and the vital work they do to transform the lives of deaf babies and young children across the UK; draws particular attention their highly specialised programme of Auditory Verbal therapy which is proven to be highly effective in delivering spoken language outcomes for young deaf children, with 80 per cent of children who spend two or more years on this programme achieving the same spoken language as typically hearing children; highlights how this success comes through a family centred, early intervention approach which could boost academic achievement and employment outcomes for deaf young people across the UK; and calls on the Government to expand the number of speech and language therapists and teachers of the deaf working in health and education services trained in Auditory Verbal practice with a view to families of deaf children having the opportunity to access such a programme through public funded services, as is the case in other countries worldwide

1628 GP surgeries and the private sector

Tabled: 11/03/21 Signatories: 19

Apsana Begum
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Wera Hobhouse
Zarah Sultana
Claudia Webbe
John McDonnell

Kate Osborne
 Beth Winter

Andrew Gwynne

Ian Mearns

That this House expresses alarm that Operose, a subsidiary of US health company Centene, has taken over AT Medics which has a large number of APMS contracts, including 49 GP practices; is concerned that the prioritisation of profit in the provision of NHS services will lead to a loss of more GP surgeries, will hurt the quality of care patients receive, and will further undermine the pay and conditions of those who work in GP surgeries and in the NHS; and calls for all outsourcing to the profit-driven private health sector to end and for the NHS to be returned to a publicly funded, publicly provided, comprehensive health care service, available to all that is free at the point of delivery.

1630 Abigail Pryde's debut single

Tabled: 12/03/21 Signatories: 5

Brendan O'Hara
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Carol Monaghan
Marion Fellows

That this House commends Argyll and Bute constituent Abigail Pryde on her debut single, Lady, to be released mid-March; congratulates the young singer on the beginning of her solo-career in music, after touring worldwide with traditional folk band Heron Valley; notes that growing up in Argyll, Abigail learnt the fiddle and guitar at home, later joining the band Heron Valley whilst studying at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Junior School; and wishes her success in her career and in the music industry.

1631 Fundraising for healthy options

Tabled: 12/03/21 Signatories: 7

Brendan O'Hara
Peter Grant
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Carol Monaghan

Marion Fellows

That this House commends Argyll and Bute constituent Elizabeth Mason for her fundraising efforts for Healthy Options, a charity which supports the health journeys of people who have or are at risk of developing lifelong health conditions; congratulates Elizabeth on a successful recovery after her accident in 2018 and wishes her well on her continued physiotherapy; highlights that despite her injuries, Elizabeth has walked an average of 18,000 steps daily to raise funds for Healthy Options,

reaching a total of 496,145 in February, raising £1000 for the charity; and encourages anyone who can do so to donate to Elizabeth's local giving fundraising page.

1633 Campbeltown police officers and International Women's Day honours

Tabled: 12/03/21 Signatories: 9

Brendan O'Hara
Steven Bonnar
Peter Grant
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Chris Law

Marion Fellows

That this House congratulates police officers in Campbeltown for receiving awards on International Women's Day, in recognition of their work keeping the local community safe; highlights Detective Constable Lindsay Wallace, who won police officer of the year and Police Constable Karen Cairns, who won the community service award at the Scottish Women's Development Forum on 8 March 2021; notes that the awards, held virtually due to the covid-19 outbreak, honour the contributions and achievements of police staff, officers and those who volunteer with Police Scotland; and recognises the hard work and dedication of Lindsay and Karen, alongside all women who work within Police Scotland.

1635 Public Social Partnership for the Disability Employment Gap

Tabled: 12/03/21 Signatories: 24

Marion Fellows
Kirsten Oswald
Steven Bonnar
Peter Grant
Neale Hanvey
Kirsty Blackman

Owen Thompson

That this House commends the work of the Public Social Partnership for the Disability Employment Gap led by the Scottish Union of Supported Employment as lead partner; recognises it aims to increase employers' confidence, awareness and capacity to recruit and retain disabled people in their workforce; notes the innovative ways of working the partnership is undertaking to achieve these aims; endorses the importance of employing disabled people in the workforce and reducing the unacceptable employment gap; and notes that they will contribute to the Scottish Government's Fairer Scotland for Disabled People – Employment Action Plan's ambition to halve the Disability Employment Gap by 2038.

1636 Sarah Everard and women's safety

Tabled: 12/03/21 Signatories: 28

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Ms Diane Abbott
Florence Eshalomi
Helen Hayes
Ms Harriet Harman
Christine Jardine

Alison Thewliss

That this House expresses deep concern for the disappearance of Sarah Everard, a young woman who went missing in Clapham as she was walking home on the 3rd March; extends thoughts and prayers to Sarah's family and friends at this difficult time; notes with great sadness that women's safety remains a serious issue; and believes that in 2021, women should not have to fear that harm may come to them if they are walking by themselves; is appalled by the results of a recent YouGov poll which found that 97 per cent of women aged 18-24 have been sexually harassed and 80 per cent of women of all ages have experienced sexual harassment in a public space; stands in solidarity with all women who have survived harassment, assault and violence; believes that more resources should be dedicated to violence against women and girls; is disgusted by the victim shaming heard since Sarah Everard's disappearance; and strongly refutes any suggestions that the onus should fall on women to change their behaviour to prevent becoming victims of an attack.

1640 Peace and accountability in Libya

Tabled: 15/03/21 Signatories: 7

Margaret Ferrier
Jonathan Edwards
Steven Bonnar
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Hywel Williams

Tony Lloyd

That this House welcomes the UN-sponsored intra-Libyan political talks to agree a unified governance framework and ensure a lasting peace; notes with deep concern the serious war crimes and human rights violations that have been committed by the warring parties in the protracted conflict in Libya since 2011; stresses the importance of justice for the many victims of these widespread violations, by ensuring there are effective investigations and prosecutions of the alleged perpetrators, believed to include British nationals who were former Royal Marine commandos and involved in mercenary operations for the Libyan National Army led by Khalifa Haftar; further notes the reports of drone strikes and attacks on civilians in Libya and other violations committed by foreign countries which should also be investigated; supports the work of the Fact-finding Mission on Libya established by the UN Human Rights Council, and other initiatives to ensure meaningful accountability; further supports the call by the UN Mission in Libya for the immediate closure of migrant detention centres in that country, further to reports of arbitrary detention, torture, extrajudicial killings and sexual violence; and urges the Government to work with others in the international community to secure accountability for these violations and for countries and mercenaries, including British nationals, who have supported the warring parties.

1641 Covid-19 deaths in Fife

Tabled: 15/03/21 Signatories: 7

Douglas Chapman
Jim Shannon
Dr Lisa Cameron
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Neale Hanvey

Marion Fellows

That this House acknowledges the first deaths officially linked to covid-19 in Fife occurred a year ago in the week of 14 March 2020; recognises hundreds of other Fife residents have tragically lost their life due to covid-19 in the year since; and pays tribute to all those who have passed, all those who are mourning a friend or a loved one and the teams of people across NHS Fife and other public services who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to serve our citizens.

1642 Carr's Flour in Kirkcaldy

Tabled: 15/03/21 Signatories: 5

Neale Hanvey
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Marion Fellows

That this House congratulates Carr's Flour in Kirkcaldy for their recent success at the Food Manufacture Excellence Awards where they were crowned Ingredients Manufacturing Company of the Year; recognises the Kirkcaldy mill's long history of flour production dating back to 1826; and commends Carr's staff who, when the covid-19 pandemic hit and demand for retail flour exploded, worked to dramatically increase production while maintaining social distancing and additional hygiene requirements.

1643 Bravery of PC Callum Forbes

Tabled: 15/03/21 Signatories: 9

Neale Hanvey
Sir Mike Penning
Steven Bonnar
Jim Shannon
Dr Lisa Cameron
Allan Dorans

Marion Fellows

That this House recognises the bravery shown by Cowdenbeath police officer, PC Callum Forbes, during a violent confrontation where a victim had been attacked last year; and congratulates PC Forbes on being honoured at the prestigious Chief Constable's Bravery and Excellence Awards for 2020 which were held virtually on 2 March 2021.

1644 Nicole Wallace, Apprentice Ambassador of the Year finalist

Tabled: 15/03/21 Signatories: 9

Neale Hanvey
 Margaret Ferrier
 Jim Shannon
 Dr Lisa Cameron
 Allan Dorans
 Chris Law

Marion Fellows

That this House congratulates Nicole Wallace from Lochgelly on being named as a finalist in the Apprentice Ambassador of the Year category at the Scottish Apprenticeship Awards; recognises that Nicole used her own training as a modern apprentice to help her employer adapt to the challenges of the covid-19 pandemic and was involved in a project to develop learning materials for new apprentices to be able to join the business virtually; applauds Nicole for this well-deserved recognition; and wishes her every success in her future career.

1647 Reduction of free plastic toys

Tabled: 15/03/21 Signatories: 13

Liz Saville Roberts
 Hywel Williams
 Ben Lake
 Jonathan Edwards
 Kirsty Blackman
 Jim Shannon

Alison Thewliss

Marion Fellows

That this House recognises the efforts of ten-year-old Skye Neville from Fairbourne, Gwynedd for her campaign encouraging magazine and comic publishers to stop giving away plastic toys with their publications; further recognises that nearly three thousand people have so far signed her online petition drawing attention to the devastating impact discarded plastic is having on our oceans and natural environment; applauds Skye for her passionate advocacy of environmental issues, her involvement in local litter picks and her family's commitment to recycling; welcomes steps by fast food giant McDonalds to stop putting plastic toys in their Happy Meals; and calls on the Government to encourage publishers to make their magazines more environmentally friendly and reduce their carbon footprint.

1649 Celebrating the work of Townhead Village Hall during the covid-19 outbreak

Tabled: 15/03/21 Signatories: 8

Alison Thewliss
 Jim Shannon
 Dr Lisa Cameron
 Allan Dorans
 Chris Law
 Carol Monaghan

Marion Fellows

That this House celebrates the fantastic work and dedication of the team at Townhead Village Hall in going above and beyond to support their local community during the covid-19 outbreak;

appreciates that they have been vital in providing residents with free weekly food deliveries, including making deliveries on Christmas and New Years Day; recognises the success of their collaboration with Glasgow City Centre Salvation Army to deliver ready meals to the most vulnerable; further recognises the successful partnership with Human Appeal which saw them redistribute warm coats and jackets as part of the Warm-Up Glasgow campaign; and thanks the whole team for keeping spirits up with their home visits, food deliveries and online competitions, and for being a source of comfort and camaraderie during these difficult times.

1653 Celebrating fifty years of the Campaign for Real Ale

Tabled: 16/03/21 Signatories: 16

Daisy Cooper
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Sir Mike Penning
Steven Bonnar
Allan Dorans

Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA), headquartered in St Albans, on their 50th anniversary; commends the organisation and its members for their tireless campaigning in support of the unique heritage of real ale, cider and perry found in the British Isles; further congratulates them for their successes over the last half century in protecting our brewing traditions and striving for greater quality and variety of cask ales; recognises their role in lobbying producers and government on behalf of consumers; celebrates their longstanding campaign to protect and enhance pubs and clubs; commends their ongoing work to provide information, education and training to all those with an interest in pubs, beer, cider and perry; extends thanks for CAMRA's advocacy on behalf of the pub and brewing sectors, especially during the Covid-19 crisis that continues to endanger our unique pub and brewing heritage; and wishes them every success for the next fifty years.

1654 Neurodiversity celebration week

Tabled: 16/03/21 Signatories: 28

Dr Lisa Cameron
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Rachel Hopkins
Allan Dorans
Chris Law

Claire Hanna

Alison Thewliss

Marion Fellows

That this House recognizes Neurodiversity Celebration week which commences on March 15th; understands 720,000 children celebrate Neurodiversity week worldwide; acknowledges that at least 15% of children in the U.K have a learning difference; notes that a lot of neurodiverse children have negative school experiences; further recognizes it's important to change the narrative surrounding developmental difficulties, including ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia and Dyspraxia; understands that neurodiversity is a strength and applauds the creativity and innovation of our neurodiverse children; celebrates the work of the founder and campaigner Siena Castellon of neurodiversity celebration week who recently won the Commonwealth Youth Award; and further notes the importance of championing neurodiversity and challenging stigma associated with developmental difficulty.

1655 Sandra Stewart, 40 years' commitment to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Tabled: 17/03/21 Signatories: 10

Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Margaret Ferrier
Steven Bonnar

Alison Thewliss

Marion Fellows

That this House congratulates Sandra Stewart on her 40 year anniversary as a member of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; understands that the Admin Team Leader joined the Strathclyde Fire Brigade immediately upon leaving school, and now provides admin support to more than forty fire stations across Ayrshire and Dumfries & Galloway from the area HQ in Ardrossan, North Ayrshire; and thanks her for the dedication and commitment she has shown to the communities she has served throughout her years in her vital work, and hugely appreciates her ongoing service.

1658 UK-EU veterinary agreement

Tabled: 18/03/21 Signatories: 20

Stephen Farry
Jonathan Edwards
Claire Hanna
John McDonnell
Ben Lake
Alan Brown

Dr Philippa Whitford
 Wendy Chamberlain
 Marion Fellows

Dave Doogan
 Jamie Stone

Grahame Morris
 Alison Thewliss

That this House recognises that the absence of a UK-EU veterinary agreement on sanitary and phytosanitary rules on movements of animals and food products between Great Britain and the EU and between Great Britain and Northern Ireland is creating major barriers for UK food exporters and also significantly contributes to the volume of checks in relation to the implementation of the Ireland/Northern Ireland Protocol; understands that a veterinary agreement can be negotiated with the EU through and building upon the EU-UK Trade and Co-operation Agreement; and calls on the Government to prioritise the negotiation of a bespoke UK-EU veterinary agreement.

1659 Duty Free on arrivals storesTabled: **18/03/21** Signatories: **15**

Christine Jardine
John McDonnell
Carla Lockhart
Jamie Stone
Dr Lisa Cameron
Jim Shannon

Kate Osborne
 Gavin Newlands
 Marion Fellows

John Spellar
 Tim Farron
 Allan Dorans

Andrew Gwynne
 Tony Lloyd

That this House welcomes the introduction of duty free on arrivals stores in airports, international rail and ferry terminals in Great Britain to support a safe and sustainable recovery of international travel; recognises that duty free on arrivals provides a sustainable and significant new contribution to revenues with an increase in passenger spend by up to 30 per cent, increases the international competitiveness of airports, will be cost neutral for Government, creates employment opportunities, aids carbon abatement and supports regional development; highlights the critical role retail plays in supporting regional connectivity in the UK with retail sales accounting for as much as 40 per cent of total revenue in some regional airports; notes that duty free on arrival stores does not contravene international principles of taxation; further notes that it has been successfully deployed in over sixty countries, including Australia and all EEA nations; and calls upon the Government to implement duty free on arrival stores as it will make a tangible difference to the UK's travel sector and consequently to the economy.

1662 Patrick George ZakiTabled: **18/03/21** Signatories: **9**

Chris Law
Kirsten Oswald
Hywel Williams
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey

Alison Thewliss

Marion Fellows

Deidre Brock

That this House is dismayed by the continued imprisonment of Egyptian student and human rights activist Patrick George Zaki; notes with concern that Mr Zaki was detained in early 2020 on a short return to his home country from his course at the University of Bologna and has now been held for over a year pending investigation; further notes that he has been accused of disseminating fake news and inciting to protest through his work and advocacy for the Cairo-based human rights group Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (EIPR); is concerned that other staff at the EIPR including Executive Director Gasser Abdel-Razek have also been targeted by the Egyptian Authorities; praises the work of organisations such as Amnesty and Scholars At Risk who have been raising international awareness of Mr Zaki's case; and calls on the Government to make further representations to the Egyptian Government on Mr Zaki's imprisonment and welfare as a matter of urgency, and to urge the Egyptian Government to immediately and unconditionally release him.

1663 Omer Faruk Gergerlioglu – HDP MP TurkeyTabled: **18/03/21** Signatories: **9**

Chris Stephens
Alyn Smith
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Jonathan Edwards
Carol Monaghan
Hywel Williams

Alison Thewliss

This house is deeply concerned that Turkish HDP MP Omer Faruk Gergerlioglu has been stripped of his parliamentary immunity and sentenced to two years six months in prison on terror charges; notes that Gergerlioglu's indictment relates to a social media post in 2016 in which he called for a peaceful solution to the Kurdish question; notes that Human Rights Watch has released a written statement condemning his conviction; calls on the Foreign Secretary to raise the question of this conviction with his Turkish counterpart; and calls on the Turkish Government for an immediate review and reversal of this conviction.

1664 Dunbar's online High Street trialTabled: **22/03/21** Signatories: **5**

Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey
Joanna Cherry
Marion Fellows

That this house welcomes the decision to trial a scheme that will promote online footfall on the high streets in Dunbar, notes that the project operated by Supporting our local economy (SOLE) and the Scottish Tech Army is intended to bring together the local community and support retail and traders on the high streets; notes that research has shown local residents are eager to support their local economy during the covid-19 pandemic; and looks forward to the results of that trial and its potential for work across Scotland.

1665 New defibrillators in TranentTabled: **22/03/21** Signatories: **6**

Kenny MacAskill
Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey
Joanna Cherry
Marion Fellows

That this house welcomes the contribution of local charitable group, Tranent Belters, who have enabled the purchase of two new defibrillators installed in Tranent Town centre; notes that those defibrillators are the first two 24/7 accessible devices in Tranent; and further notes that another such device is to be installed at a later date.

1666 Lily-Mae Grogan

Tabled: 22/03/21 Signatories: 6

Kenny MacAskill
Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey
Joanna Cherry
Marion Fellows

That this house wishes luck to Lily-Mae Grogan and her family in Tranent who are raising money for acute myeloid leukaemia (AML) after Lily-Mae was diagnosed with AML in 2020; notes that Lily-Mae's parents are raising money for the Teenage Cancer Trust by doing 5000 lunges over the course of April 2021; and wishes Lily-Mae all the best in her treatment and commends the work of the Trust in supporting teenagers with a cancer diagnosis.

1667 Steps towards disarmament

Tabled: 22/03/21 Signatories: 13

Kirsten Oswald
Wera Hobhouse
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Jeremy Corbyn
Hywel Williams
Caroline Lucas

Steven Bonnar

Alison Thewliss

Marion Fellows

That this House notes with concern the statement in the Government's Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development, and Foreign Policy that the ceiling on the number of nuclear warheads held by the UK is to increase by 40 percent, reversing the longstanding trend of gradual reductions; further notes with concern that the Review amends nuclear policy to reserve the right for the UK to use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear threats; considers that increasing the UK's nuclear arsenal is contrary to obligations under Article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons 1968, as stated by UN Secretary General António Guterres, and risks starting a new nuclear arms race; regrets that the proposed changes in nuclear posture run contrary to international momentum towards global nuclear abolition through the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons that entered into force on 22 January 2021; and urges the Prime Minister to demonstrate true global leadership towards a world without nuclear weapons by abandoning his planned increase in the UK's nuclear arsenal and immoral change in nuclear weapons' policy and by committing his government to taking further steps towards disarmament.

1670 Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of The Indomitables' 1946 British Lions Rugby League tour of Australia and New Zealand

Tabled: 22/03/21 Signatories: 3

Judith Cummins
Jim Shannon
Ms Marie Rimmer

That this House celebrates the 75th Anniversary of the The Indomitables' 1946 British Lions Rugby League tour of Australia and New Zealand, where that team won the Ashes against Australia scoring 2 to 0 in the first major sporting series played abroad by a British side in any sport after the Second World War; notes that that team still remains the most successful Great Britain tour team of all time, a side which was graced by Rugby League greats including, Salford Centre and

Captain Gus Risman, Widnes scrum-half Tommy McCue as vice-captain and Trevor Foster MBE of Bradford Northern.

1671 Lilli McCullagh and competition for young writers

Tabled: 22/03/21 Signatories: 4

**Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey
Marion Fellows**

That this house congratulates Lilli McCullagh, from Humble Primary School, for winning the 2020 My Twist on a Tale competition for young writers; notes that Lilli's story, Gone with the Windy-Pops features a character based on the well-loved local community hero, Al Beck, who passed away in September; echoes author and judge Jemma Wallace's comments on the story; and wishes Lilli luck in her future writing endeavours.

1673 Oban residents' donations to First Aid 4 Gambia

Tabled: 22/03/21 Signatories: 4

**Brendan O'Hara
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss
Marion Fellows**

That this House thanks Oban residents for their generous donations to First Aid 4 Gambia; highlights the fantastic work done by that charity and the founding trustee and chairman of that charity, Bill Nelson; notes that local people from Oban donated first aid supplies such as walkers, wheelchairs, crutches and walking sticks, which will be donated to the Edward Francis Teaching Hospital in Banjul, Gambia; further thanks the organisers of the Oban Give and Get Free Facebook page for promoting First Aid 4 Gambia and for encouraging donations to that charity.

1674 Fundraising for the Royal British Legion Industries

Tabled: 22/03/21 Signatories: 4

**Brendan O'Hara
Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Marion Fellows**

That this House commends Lochgilphead police officer, Stuart Charnock, and his daughter Abby for raising awareness for the thousands of veterans who are currently homeless in the UK; congratulates Stuart for raising money for the Royal British Legion Industries, a charity which provides employability services to the disabled and disadvantaged in the armed forces community; and wishes both Stuart and Abby well on their fundraising efforts for the Royal British Legion Industries.

1678 100th Anniversary of Andrew Watson's death

Tabled: 22/03/21 Signatories: 16

Gavin Newlands
 Ian Blackford
 Alison Thewliss
 Stewart Malcolm McDonald
 Anne McLaughlin
 Brendan O'Hara

Marion Fellows Owen Thompson

That this House commemorates the 100th anniversary of the death of Andrew Watson, the world's first black footballer who began his football career at Maxwell FC, based at Queen's Park in Glasgow; notes his subsequent move to Parkgrove FC based at Trinidad Park, adjacent to today's Ibrox Stadium, alongside Robert Walker, another pioneering black footballer in the early years of the game; celebrates his 3 caps for Scotland in 1881 and 1882 making Andrew the first black international player; applauds his key role in inflicting a 6-1 defeat against England at The Oval, still recognised as England's biggest ever home loss; acknowledges his position as Match Secretary at Parkgrove, making him the first black football administrator; recognises his time subsequently spent playing for Queen's Park, the pre-eminent Scottish football team of their day and the pre-eminent club in the development of football; notes his move to London where he became the first black player in the English FA Cup and a regular in the Corinthians team and his subsequent move to Bootle FC where he became the first black professional player; and commends the work of historians over recent decades who have diligently unearthed the story of Andrew Watson's unique place in the development of world football.

1679 50th Anniversary of Bangladesh Independence

Tabled: 22/03/21 Signatories: 4

Bob Blackman
 Sir Mike Penning
 Jim Shannon
 Joanna Cherry

That this House commemorates the 50th anniversary of the independence of Bangladesh; recalls the support from the UK for that country's independence; remembers the victims of atrocities by the Pakistan army in that country's war of independence; welcomes developments in Bangladesh demonstrating the restoration of the rule of law and the institutionalisation of democracy; and calls on the UK Government and other members of the international community to continue to support the Bangladeshi Government in areas of economic and social development.

1680 Israeli permit system: children and parents in Gaza

Tabled: 22/03/21 Signatories: 13

Kim Johnson
 Dr Philippa Whitford
 Paula Barker
 Rachel Hopkins
 Navendu Mishra
 Mr Alistair Carmichael

Wera Hobhouse Tommy Sheppard

That this House condemns the inhumane practice of separation of children in Gaza who need medical treatment from outside the Strip from their parents, who are routinely denied accompanier

passes by Israel; notes that since January 2018, Physicians for Human Rights Israel has assisted over 130 children including breastfed babies who needed to exit Gaza for medical treatment whose parents were not granted permits so could not be by their side during operations, chemotherapy and other treatments; further notes that as of October 2020, COGAT representatives noted in the Knesset that 40 per cent of children exited for medical treatment without their parents; it expresses profound concern at the serious psychological and physical implications for the children and the violation of their right to health; adds its voice to calls from the Physicians for Human Rights Israel, UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the European Academy of Pediatrics, the International Society of Social Pediatrics and Child Health and others to ensure that every child exiting Gaza will be accompanied by at least one of their parents and be able to access treatment in a speedy manner; and calls on the Government to use its multilateral and bilateral relations with Israel and do everything in its power to ensure it upholds its commitment to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and to end its horrific ongoing separation of sick children from their parents.

1681 Atrocities against the Uyghurs in Xinjiang

Tabled: 23/03/21 Signatories: 7

Mr Alistair Carmichael
Navendu Mishra
Jim Shannon
John Spellar
Alison Thewliss
Layla Moran

Marion Fellows

That this House notes the growing evidence of atrocities against the Uyghurs in Xinjiang, the body of opinion that the atrocities meet the legal definitions of genocide and crimes against humanity, and formal determinations of this genocide and crimes against humanity by the US Administration, and the parliaments of Canada and the Netherlands; is concerned that the UK Government failed to make the relevant determination of the nature of the atrocities against Uyghurs in Xinjiang, including an assessment of the risk factors of genocide, to determine whether there was a serious risk of genocide and to trigger its duty to prevent contrary to the 2007 judgment of the International Court of Justice, and failed to inform its responses to the atrocities, including by imposing the Magnitsky sanctions against all those most responsible for the atrocities, banning the import of products tainted in the atrocities; and calls upon the UK Government to implement the 2007 judgment of the International Court of Justice by conducting its own assessment of the serious risk of genocide and recognising the atrocities for what they are, genocide and crimes against humanity, and triggering the duty to prevent, including by imposing the Magnitsky sanctions against all those responsible for the atrocities, banning imports tainted by the atrocities, including by modern day slavery, and leading or supporting UN initiatives to establish a UN Human Rights Council or UN General Assembly's mechanism to collect and preserve the evidence of the atrocities against the Uyghurs to ensure accountability in the future.

1683 Treatment of protestors in Turkey

Tabled: 23/03/21 Signatories: 3

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
John Spellar

That this House notes the dreadful treatment of protestors in Turkey during the last few weeks, seeing hospital treatment needed for over 5000 people; further notes the aggressive and violent conduct of the police against families and young people including the expulsion of over a hundred

protestors families; highlights the disturbing decision by Turkey to pull out of the Istanbul Convention on Violence against Women; and determines to take all possible diplomatic steps to encourage Turkey to roll back from those actions and reengage with democratic processes.

1684 Kidnapping and forced conversions in Pakistan

Tabled: 23/03/21 Signatories: 4

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Alison Thewliss
Marion Fellows

That this House notes with grave concern reports from Pakistan that Kavita Kumari, a 13 year-old Hindu girl was abducted at gunpoint from her home in Kandhkot, Sindh, and is further appalled that, despite her school certificate showing her to be 13-years-old, she was converted to Islam in a triumphant public ceremony by Mian Mithoo, the custodian of a Muslim shrine, Barchundi Sharif; and calls on the UK government to do everything in its power to help Kavita and all of the estimated 1,000 Pakistani Christian and Hindu girls who are kidnapped, forced to convert and marry their abductor every year.

1685 Unauthorised encampments: criminalisation of trespass

Tabled: 23/03/21 Signatories: 13

Andy Slaughter
Martin Docherty-Hughes
Caroline Lucas
Deidre Brock
John McDonnell
Kim Johnson

Jim Shannon

Jonathan Edwards

Ben Lake

That this House believes the response to unauthorised encampments by Gypsies and Travellers lies not in criminalising trespass but by providing sufficient permanent and temporary sites and by greater use of negotiated stopping; is concerned that Part 4 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill will destroy a nomadic way of life that has existed in Britain since the early sixteenth century; notes that the local authority Gypsy and Traveller sites which currently exist in England only came into being because of the duty to provide sites established by the Caravan Sites Act 1968 but repealed by the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994; further notes that the Welsh Government have reintroduced a duty to meet the assessed need for sites through Section 103 of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014; urges the UK Government to accept the reintroduction of such a duty as essential to avoid breaching the human rights of Gypsies and Travellers; and requests that Part 4 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill should be withdrawn immediately and replaced with a legal duty to provide adequate permanent and temporary sites.

1686 Energy cost postcode lotteryTabled: **23/03/21** Signatories: **5**

Jamie Stone
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Steven Bonnar
Ben Lake

That this House recognises that people pay more for their energy bills based on the region in which they live; notes that the north of Scotland has the highest annual energy rate anywhere in the UK; notes that this amounts to an unacceptable regional disparity; acknowledges that the big six energy companies hold a monopoly over regional infrastructure; in addition recognises the profits generated by those energy companies during the coronavirus pandemic as individuals remained at home; and calls on the Government to decentralise the UK's energy system to allow smaller companies to enter the market and provide affordable energy rates.

1687 Shrewsbury 24 judgementTabled: **23/03/21** Signatories: **25**

Ian Lavery
Ian Mearns
Rachel Hopkins
Navendu Mishra
Claudia Webbe
Grahame Morris

Jon Trickett
 Jeremy Corbyn
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Ian Byrne
 Dawn Butler
 Beth Winter
 Margaret Greenwood

Jonathan Edwards
 John McDonnell
 Mick Whitley
 Ms Diane Abbott
 Rebecca Long Bailey
 Nadia Whittome

Kate Osborne
 Richard Burgon
 Paula Barker
 Apsana Begum
 Zarah Sultana
 Steven Bonnar

That this House notes the historic victory of the Shrewsbury 24 Campaign in having their charges quashed by the Court of Appeal after almost half a century of injustice; notes the tireless work that has been done to get to this stage by the Shrewsbury 24 campaigners and the support they have received from the TUC and trade union movement; notes that today's verdict will be seen as a boost to working people across the UK who stand up for their rights in the workplace; further notes that whilst celebration is in order, that many of those involved saw their lives ruined by the politicisation of the charges and that some have not lived long enough to see justice done; and calls upon the Government to hold a public inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the dispute and the trial.

1688 Celebrating the 50th anniversary of Bangladesh's independence

Tabled: 23/03/21 Signatories: 20

Rushanara Ali
Rachel Hopkins
Claudia Webbe
Jim Shannon
Apsana Begum
Jonathan Edwards

John Spellar
 Joanna Cherry
 Navendu Mishra
 John McDonnell
 Andrew Gwynne

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
 Alison Thewliss
 Tony Lloyd
 Christine Jardine
 Allan Dorans

Alan Brown
 Marion Fellows
 Dame Margaret Hodge
 Kenny MacAskill

That this House celebrates the 50th anniversary of Bangladesh's independence from Pakistan in 1971 and recognises the historical significance of this milestone; commemorates all those who sacrificed their lives for the freedom and independence of Bangladesh and its citizens; commends and recognises the economic and social progress Bangladesh has made; celebrates the strong relationship between Bangladesh and the United Kingdom; recognises the importance of this partnership in continuing the pursuit of the ideals of the founder of an independent Bangladesh, of freedom, democracy and human rights; recognises the contributions of Bangladesh for hosting Rohingya refugees fleeing genocide in Myanmar; and urges the Government to refrain from making reductions to international aid spending in Bangladesh, in light of recent reductions to the UK aid budget following the merger of the Department for International Development and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

1689 Mr Angus McConnell

Tabled: 23/03/21 Signatories: 4

Dr Lisa Cameron
Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Steven Bonnar

That this House pays tribute to the life of Angus McConnell who has passed away at the age of 90 and remembers his tireless commitment to the life of East Kilbride and his lifelong service to that town; highlights Angus McConnell's 74 years on the East Kilbride YM committee, his pivotal role in the founding and success of the East Kilbride Sports Council, his life membership of the Scottish Amateur Football Association and the Scottish Amateur Football League, his life-long commitment to the East Kilbride Old Parish Church both as a congregant and as a Presbytery elder and his vital contribution to the East Kilbride Twinning Association with Ballerup in Denmark; draws particular attention to Angus McConnell's role as a torch bearer in the lead up to the Glasgow Commonwealth Games and his commendation with a British Empire Medal for his contribution to sport; and thanks East Kilbride YM Football Club for their decision to rename one of their Kirktonholme pitches the Angus McConnell EKYM Memorial Pitch which will ensure that Angus's memory and love of support are remembered by future generations