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New EDMs

**121 Care Planning, Placement and Case Review (England) (Amendment)
Regulations 2021 (S.I., 2021, No. 161)**

Tabled: 27/05/21 Signatories: 6

Keir Starmer
Kate Green
Tulip Siddiq
Peter Kyle
Mr Toby Perkins
Sir Alan Campbell

That the Care Planning, Placement and Case Review (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (S.I., 2021, No. 161), dated 18 February 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 19 February 2021, in the last Session of Parliament, be revoked.

**122 Care Planning, Placement and Case Review (England) (Amendment)
Regulations 2021 (S.I., 2021, No. 161) (No. 2)**

Tabled: 27/05/21 Signatories: 6

Keir Starmer
Tulip Siddiq
Peter Kyle
Mr Toby Perkins
Thangam Debbonaire
Sir Alan Campbell

That this House believes no child in care should be placed in unregulated accommodation; welcomes measures to ban unregulated accommodation for children aged 15 and under; and regrets the failure of the Care Planning, Placement and Case Review (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (S.I., 2021, No. 161) to extend this ban to children aged over 16 with the requisite support for local

authorities, which could leave thousands of vulnerable children without the necessary protection, and lead to the creation of a two-tier care system based on age.

123 Human rights violations in Bahrain

Tabled: **27/05/21** Signatories: **1**

Andrew Gwynne

That this House regrets the 25 May 2021 meeting between the Home Secretary and Bahraini Minister of Interior Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa; further regrets the fact that the meeting took place shortly after a violent attack against over 60 political prisoners by Bahraini police at Jau Prison on 17 April 2021; highlights other recent serious human rights abuses, including the detention of children as young as 13 years old, who were subjected to beatings and threats of rape and electric shocks to coerce confessions over charges linked to protest activity; expresses concern that Minister Al Khalifa has overseen the systematic persecution of human rights defenders, journalists, and activists in Bahrain and the terrorising of civil society since at least 2011; underlines that peaceful critics of the Bahraini Government are subjected to arbitrary imprisonment, torture and sexual assault; notes that despite ultimate responsibility for serious crimes perpetrated during the 2011 uprising, including the murder of several dissidents, Minister Al Khalifa remains in his role; expresses concern that high profile meetings between senior British Ministers and individuals deeply implicated in serial human rights abuses and violations of international law send a signal that the UK will lend unreserved support to its allies regardless of their non-compliance with international law; and calls upon the Government to apply Magnitsky Act sanctions to Minister Rashid Al Khalifa for his protracted role in overseeing a culture of abuse and a climate of impunity in Bahrain.

124 Statutory paid bereavement leave for all

Tabled: **27/05/21** Signatories: **1**

Patricia Gibson

That this House calls for the extension of statutory paid bereavement leave to all employees upon the loss of a close family member, following the welcome introduction of paid bereavement leave for parents on the loss of a child up to the age of 18 years old; notes research showing that grief experienced by employees costs the economy £23 billion per year, and costs the Treasury nearly £8 billion per year; acknowledges that whilst some employers offer compassionate leave for staff who have lost a close relative, does not believe that this such leave should be at the discretion of employers; is aware that many bereaved employees face financial pressures to return to work while coping with grief; acknowledges that bereavement can trigger mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorders, as well as being linked to physical health issues challenges such as increased likelihood of heart attacks, diabetes and increased mortality; believes that while bereavement is a fact of life, by providing the necessary support at the right time, we could boost the economy and have a healthier society with a greater sense of wellbeing at its heart; and therefore calls for the Government to act urgently to extend the right to statutory paid bereavement leave to all employees who lose a close family member or partner.

125 Ministry of Defence Guard ServiceTabled: **27/05/21** Signatories: **14**

Grahame Morris
Chris Stephens
Dan Carden
Paula Barker
Liz Saville Roberts
Kate Osborne

Mick Whitley
 Ian Byrne
 John McDonnell

Ian Lavery
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Jack Dromey

Ian Mearns
 Navendu Mishra

That this House salutes the professionalism and dedication of the Ministry of Defence Guard Service, which provides civilian security at most of the UK's largest military bases; insists that MoD Guard Service (MGS) personnel should be celebrated for their vital contribution to the MoD, and that a culture of teamwork is best fostered through equitable terms and conditions of employment across the workforce; is concerned that the roll-out of Operational MGS Employment Contracts (OMEC) will see the creation of a two-tier workforce, with newly employed guards working significantly increased hours for less pay, and that the MoD anticipates a 14% reduction of the MGS workforce under OMEC; is further concerned that OMEC appears to be a step towards privatisation of MGS; notes that long working hours and fragmented security arrangements have been considered to be contributing factors to fatal security lapses at United Kingdom military bases in the past, yet there has been no risk analysis published on the potential impact on health, safety and welfare, nor has any Equal Pay Audit been provided; insists that the security of military bases is of paramount importance, and that operational changes to this section of the civilian MoD workforce must be achieved through detailed consideration in collaboration with the workforce and trades unions, not through hasty imposition by management; and urges the Government to support the union's call for the MoD to pause the OMEC roll-out to allow for further dialogue on the proposed contractual changes.

126 Harvey Tyrrell's LawTabled: **27/05/21** Signatories: **1****Andrew Rosindell**

That this House recalls the tragic death of Harvey Tyrrell on the 11 September 2018; understands that Harvey's death was completely avoidable and was caused by negligence in safety standard by the pub owners; believes that the legislation regulating electrical safety was not sufficient and contributed to Harvey's death; further believes that legislation should require every public house to provide yearly certification that electrical works have been tested and inspected with severe penalties for any landlord who fails to comply with electrical safety standards and the immediate loss of their licence and that electrical safety certification should be visible to all customers upon entering the premises of a public house; and calls on the Government to back Harvey Tyrrell's Law and act swiftly to introduce the necessary legislation to make this legally enforceable throughout the country.

127 Fourth Plinth, Trafalgar SquareTabled: **27/05/21** Signatories: **1****Andrew Rosindell**

That this House pays tribute to His Royal Highness, the late Duke of Edinburgh for his life of service to the nation; recognises the support that he offered to the Queen throughout their seventy-three

years of marriage; acknowledges the huge impact of his work and dedication to the people of the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and to nations around to world; and believes that it would be a fitting and lasting tribute to Prince Philip that a statue of His Royal Highness be placed on the fourth plinth in Trafalgar Square.

128 Relegation of Kilmarnock FC

Tabled: 27/05/21 Signatories: 1

Alan Brown

That this House expresses disappointment with the relegation of Kilmarnock FC from the Premiership, ending 28 years of consecutive top-flight football; notes that only Celtic, Motherwell and Aberdeen have remained longer in the top-flight; further notes that the latter two were spared relegation due to Falkirk not having a compliant ground; notes that when the club stayed up in the first season back on the last day of season 1993-94, managed by the late Tommy Burns, no-one would have forecast how long the club would stay in top-flight football; further notes that the highlights included the Scottish Cup win in 1997, a league cup win in 2012; several trips into Europe and a lasting friendship developed between the fans of Kilmarnock FC and Kaiserslautern FC; notes that the tenure of Steve Clarke took the club from bottom of the league to finishing third, giving Killie their highest league finish since 1966, during the 150th anniversary of the club; further notes that since he left the club to manage the Scotland team, Sir Stevie Clarke has taken Scotland to their first tournament finals since 1998 and wishes Scotland well in the Euro 2020s; commends chairman Billy Bowie for maintaining the player budget for season 2021-22, and hopes that Kilmarnock FC get promoted at the first attempt, noting that being in the Premiership brings a financial boost to many businesses within the town; and hopes that the supporters are allowed to return to the ground in high numbers following the covid-19 outbreak to support the team.

129 The East Kilbride Covid19 Network

Tabled: 27/05/21 Signatories: 1

Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House recognises the work of the East Kilbride Covid19 Network throughout the covid-19 outbreak, particularly in delivering thousands of food and toiletry parcels across the local area; draws attention to the work of local charity organisations like Share Alike, Loaves and Fishes, Moncrief Parish Church, the SLC Community Engagement Team, the East Kilbride Citizens Advice Bureau, the East Kilbride Community Foodbank, Older & Active and VASLAN, as well as local councillor John Anderson, for their work in collecting and distributing much-needed provisions to the most vulnerable in the East Kilbride community over the past 12 months; and highlights the sacrifice and care of local volunteers who, in one united spirit, have come together to provide companionship and help to those who have needed it most during this difficult time.

130 Proposed Spirit of Skylark Centre in Dumbarton

Tabled: 27/05/21 Signatories: 1

Martin Docherty-Hughes

That this House welcomes the announcement by the Skylark IX Recovery Trust of their intention to create the Spirit of Skylark Centre, an exciting new immersive heritage experience and boatbuilding training centre in Dumbarton; recognises the outstanding work of the Trust in keeping the heritage of the tragedy of Dunkirk alive by working to restore Skylark IX, which is believed to be the only surviving Dunkirk vessel in Scotland, that over the nine-day mission rescued over 600 cold and tired soldiers, helping transport them on to larger naval ships whilst under fire; understands that the

Skylark IX Recovery Trust will be working in collaboration with Alternatives West Dunbartonshire to ensure that the new centre helps more people recovering from drug addiction or facing social isolation across West Dunbartonshire; believes that this valuable joint effort will preserve the Skylark IX in an historically authentic and dignified way whilst at the same time helping more people make a positive and even transformative change to their lives and community; and wishes to extend its full support to those involved developing this important community project.

131 Midlothian Young People's Advice Service National Lottery grant

Tabled: 27/05/21 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates Midlothian Young People's Advice Service (MYPAS) on its award of £149,303 in National Lottery Funding this month; notes that the group will use the funding to deliver support services to LGBTQ+ young people in East Lothian and Midlothian, providing a safe space to explore their identity, improve mental health and wellbeing, and form new positive connections; recognises that MYPAS are a young person's health and wellbeing organisation based in Dalkeith who provide vital information, support and advice on a range of subjects to young people in Midlothian and East Lothian; and welcomes this round of £11 million in National Lottery funding aimed at helping Scottish community groups adapt and recover from the impact of the covid-19 outbreak.

132 Rosewell Development Trust funding from the National Lottery

Tabled: 27/05/21 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates Rosewell Development Trust on its award of £5,800 in National Lottery Funding this month; notes that the group will use the funding to establish a sensory and vegetable garden; recognises Rosewell Development Trust is a limited community company that runs a variety of community engagement groups and projects for community wellbeing and development; and welcomes this round of £11 million in National Lottery funding aimed at helping Scottish community groups adapt and recover from the impact of the covid-19 outbreak.

133 Zimbabwe Scotland Society funding from the National Lottery

Tabled: 27/05/21 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates the Zimbabwe Scotland Society (ZSS) on its award of £7,000 in National Lottery Funding this month; notes that the group will use the funding to tackle the effects of covid-19 on the Zimbabwean community living in Scotland which include loneliness, isolation and loss of income, as well as bringing the community together through online support and peer to peer sessions; recognises that the ZSS is an independent, non-political charity that is seeking to promote Zimbabwean culture amongst people living in Scotland; and welcomes this round of £11 million in National Lottery funding aimed at helping Scottish community groups adapt and recover from the impact of the covid-19 outbreak.

134 Dundee FC promotion to Scottish Premiership

Tabled: 27/05/21 Signatories: 1

Chris Law

That this House congratulates Dundee Football Club on their promotion to the Scottish Premiership following their victories home and away against Kilmarnock in the Premiership play-off final; further congratulates all at the club who contributed to this return to top-flight football, including the manager James McPake, the players and the back-room staff; recognises the important and valued work that Dundee FC carries out in local communities across the city in partnership with the Dundee FC in the Community Trust; and wishes all at the club all of the best for the coming season.

135 Ayrshire Food Hub

Tabled: 27/05/21 Signatories: 1

Alan Brown

That this House welcomes the opening of Crossroads Hub, trading as Ayrshire Food Hub; congratulates the committee and volunteers on delivering a legacy project to replace the former Crossroads Primary School; welcomes that many ex-pupils and teachers have already visited or expressed their joy at the opening; notes that the new venue provides community facilities as well as employment and a social enterprise through the café, shop and food production; further notes that the new kitchen allows cooking lessons and ongoing food-related education which builds on the work undertaken from their Darvel outreach facilities; notes that the shop and delicatessen is stocked from local suppliers, covering fresh vegetables, fresh meats, cheeses and products such as local jams and relishes, as well as homegrown and homemade produce; and wishes Ayrshire Food Hub every success for the future.

136 Time limit on police conduct investigations

Tabled: 27/05/21 Signatories: 9

Ian Mearns
Liz Saville Roberts
Gordon Henderson
Kate Osborne
Navendu Mishra
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

Grahame Morris

Ian Lavery

Ben Lake

That this House notes that justice delayed is justice denied; further notes the incredible work of police officers in ensuring the safety of this House and in communities in every constituency; notes the right of members of the public to make complaints against individual officers where perceived wrongdoing has occurred; recognises the damage a lengthy and un-ending investigation can have on the health and well-being of individual officers, their families and colleagues and the incredible cost to the taxpayer of salaries of officers under investigation who very often are found to be innocent; recognises the need for investigations to be conducted in a comprehensive but the most efficient way possible; supports the Police Federation of England and Wales Time Limits Campaign for the need for a limit on the length of time an investigation can take, save for the most exceptional circumstances; and calls on the Government to introduce legislation establishing a time limit on these investigations as a matter of urgency.

137 The Miracle Foundation - Charitable Organisation of the Year 2021-22

Tabled: 27/05/21 Signatories: 1

Marion Fellows

This House congratulates The Miracle Foundation for their award of 'Charitable Organisation of the Year' in the Prestige Awards; recognises the invaluable support they provide young people who have experienced bereavement and trauma in North Lanarkshire through counselling and art therapies; notes their mission statement to provide a safe space for young people to restore their mental health and well-being so they are able to reach their full life potential; commends all of their staff on their excellent work especially during this difficult year and wishes them well for the future.

138 Arms export licences for sales to the Israeli Military

Tabled: 27/05/21 Signatories: 2

Lloyd Russell-Moyle**Richard Burgon**

That this House notes with concern the recent granting of and use of extant UK licences for the export to the Israeli military of categories of arms and arms components including military technology and components for aircrafts, helicopters, and drones, as well as grenades, bombs, missiles, armoured vehicles, tanks, ammunition, and small arms; is therefore concerned that Ministers have not disclosed whether UK-made exports were used in the recent bombardment of the Gaza Strip and repression of civilian protests in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory; reminds the Government that criteria 2, 3 and 4, of the consolidated criteria on arms exports precludes licensing where there is a clear risk that items may be used for internal repression or in the commission of serious violations of international humanitarian law; notes the criteria precludes licensing for items which would provoke or prolong armed conflicts or aggravate existing conflicts, and precludes licensing for items when there is a clear risk that they could be used to assert by force a territorial claim; therefore calls for an investigation to determine whether UK-made arms and components have been used in the recent violence and if they are implicated in war crimes under investigation by the International Criminal Court, including settlement building in occupied territories; and calls for a suspension of UK arms sales to Israel until it can be demonstrated, subject to parliamentary scrutiny, that weapons and components imported from the UK are used solely in accordance with the consolidated criteria.

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.

43 The right to breathe clean air campaign

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 29

Mr Barry Sheerman**Hilary Benn****Mick Whitley****Claudia Webbe****Kim Johnson****Kenny MacAskill**

Tony Lloyd

That this House acknowledges that long term exposure to air pollution causes between 28,000 and 36,000 deaths per year; expresses the belief that people across the UK and beyond should have an

inalienable right to breathe clean air; notes that poor air quality is one of the greatest public health challenges that people face in the 21st century; recognises the need for a co-ordinated solution between all levels of Government and the private sector to mitigate against the negative health impacts of dangerous levels of air pollution; and further notes that the Government should make reference to the inalienable right to breathe clean air in any future legislative proposals.

45 PDA Day 2021

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 18

Angela Crawley
Jim Shannon
John Nicolson
Hannah Bardell
Stuart C McDonald
Anne McLaughlin

Kate Osborne

That this House welcomes PDA (Pathological Demand Avoidance) Day 2021 on 15 May 2021; understands that PDA is a profile within autism; recognises that PDA Day is an opportunity to raise awareness, increase acceptance and take action about the PDA profile of autism; commends the work of the PDA Society who hold that event annually to increase understanding of PDA which is widely understood to be a profile on the autism spectrum, involving the extreme avoidance of everyday demands, an anxiety-driven need to be in control and the use of social strategies as part of that avoidance; accepts that PDA can be difficult to diagnose and under the umbrella diagnosis of autism, a clear signpost to the PDA profile is needed to improve outcomes for individuals and families.

56 50 years of the Misuse of Drugs Act

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 37

Grahame Morris
Caroline Lucas
Ronnie Cowan
Tommy Sheppard
Liz Saville Roberts
Dan Carden

Chris Law

Zarah Sultana

That this House acknowledges that the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 is not fit for purpose; notes that for 50 years, it has failed to reduce drug consumption and that drug deaths are now at a record high; further notes that instead it has increased harm, damaged public health and exacerbated social inequalities; believes that an evidence-based approach which provides pathways for people with drug difficulties into treatment, rather than the criminal justice system, should be prioritised; urges the earliest examination of international evidence from health-led personal drug consumption regime such as Portugal, where outcomes are startlingly better against every reasonable criteria; and calls upon the Government, as a matter of urgency, to repeal and replace the Act with legislation to ensure that future drug policy protects human rights, promotes public health and ensures social justice.

59 Job Centre safetyTabled: **18/05/21** Signatories: **25**

Chris Stephens
Grahame Morris
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Law
Paula Barker
Mick Whitley

John Nicolson

That this House notes the decision of the Department for Work and Pensions to considerably increase face-to-face services in job centres across the UK without formal consultation with trade unions; is concerned that the Department for Work and Pensions has failed to conduct adequate risk assessments in advance of the increased activity within job centres and the potential increased risk to local communities; is aware that increased face-to-face activity is being focused on certain groups including 18 to 24 year olds, many of whom are yet to receive their covid-19 vaccinations; notes that the Public and Commercial Service Union (PCS), which represents thousands of job centre staff across the UK, is currently conducting a consultative ballot regarding health and safety in the workplace; supports PCS' calls for a measured approach to the full reopening of job centres to ensure communities, staff and claimants are safe; applauds the tireless efforts of job centre staff who have done their utmost during the covid-19 outbreak to support claimants and have performed to a high standard using mainly digital means; and calls on the Government and for Work and Pensions to immediately reverse recent increases in face-to-face activity until such a time as communities can be adequately protected and the vaccination programme has been completed for all age groups.

68 Specialist consultant prescribed medicinal cannabisTabled: **18/05/21** Signatories: **29**

Sir Mike Penning
Jonathan Edwards
Colum Eastwood
Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Christine Jardine

Ronnie Cowan

That this House recognises the benefits of prescribed medical cannabis by a specialist consultant for people suffering with chronic pain, epilepsy and a variety of other conditions; welcomes the legalisation around the use of prescribed medical cannabis on 1 November 2018; but regrets the difficulties that patients and their families continue to face in accessing prescribed medical cannabis that their consultants have prescribed through the NHS; further regrets the restrictive NHS guidelines that prevent most patients from accessing it and deter specialist consultants from prescribing it; condemns the two-tier system that this has created where only people who can afford to pay for the prescription have easy and ready access to prescribed medical cannabis; and calls on the Government to use every means necessary to ensure that NHS patients have easy access to prescribed medical cannabis should their specialist consultant prescribe it for them

85 Fire and rehireTabled: **20/05/21** Signatories: **41**

Grahame Morris
Kate Osborne
Ian Lavery
Paula Barker
Navendu Mishra
Rachel Hopkins

Claire Hanna

That this House notes with alarm the growing number of employers who are dismissing and re-engaging staff on worse pay and terms and conditions, a practice commonly known as fire and rehire; agrees with the Government that such tactics represent an unacceptable abuse of power by rogue bosses, many of whom are exploiting the covid-19 crisis to increase profits at the expense of loyal staff who have risked their lives during the pandemic to keep businesses going; welcomes the Government's stated commitment to tackle those shameful abuses; calls on the Government to publish the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service report into the practice received by Ministers on 17 February 2021; and further calls on the Government to outlaw this form of industrial blackmail, as is the case in other European countries, to protect UK workers from exploitation by unscrupulous employers.

86 Ban on trophy hunting importsTabled: **20/05/21** Signatories: **37**

Sir David Amess
Navendu Mishra
Andrew Rosindell
Jonathan Edwards
Wera Hobhouse
Tracey Crouch

Claire Hanna

Jon Trickett

Sir Greg Knight

That this House welcomes the Government's commitment to implementing a robust, comprehensive and world-leading ban on trophy hunting imports; agrees that the trophy hunting of animals, including those at risk of extinction, is morally reprehensible; notes the strong support for such a ban among the general public, with the most recent opinion poll showing 85 per cent of people wish to see a total ban on all trophy hunting imports; urges the Government to ensure that forthcoming legislation covers all species whose trophies are imported into Britain; and further urges the Government to ensure that the legislation proposes an effective enforcement regime with tough punitive measures for offenders including custodial sentences.

88 Fire and rehire tactics (No. 2)Tabled: **20/05/21** Signatories: **18**

Jon Trickett
Kenny MacAskill
Claudia Webbe
Navendu Mishra
Paula Barker
Jonathan Edwards

Claire Hanna

That this House notes the continued use of fire and rehire tactics by employers in this country; condemns the actions of the growing number of employers who have forced their staff to choose between accepting a new contract with worse terms and conditions or losing their jobs; calls on the companies who have used these tactics, including British Gas, JDE Banbury and Brush Electrical, to respect the rights of workers; believes it is disgraceful that employers are using the cover of the pandemic to increase the exploitation of their employees; offers its full support to the trade unions who are taking industrial action to defend their members against these tactics; recognises that Government Ministers have said these tactics are an unacceptable abuse of power but have failed to take action to prevent it; and calls on the Government to outlaw these practices immediately and to bring forward new legislation that empowers trade unions and protects the working class from predatory employers.

90 Retirement of the Countess of Mar as Chair of Forward-METabled: **24/05/21** Signatories: **12**

Carol Monaghan
Marion Fellows
Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Alison Thewliss

Chris Stephens
 Andrew Gwynne

Ben Lake

Deidre Brock

That this House marks the retirement of the Countess of Mar as the Founding Chair of Forward-ME; congratulates her on the success of Forward-ME which was established in 2008 to promote effective joint working between charities and organisations in order to maximise impact on behalf of people with Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME); acknowledges the far-reaching impact she has had in supporting, representing, and championing people with ME; recognises her work improving medical education and promoting biomedical research; notes her parliamentary advocacy which included leading a landmark House of Lords' debate on the PACE trial; commends the part she played in securing improvements to the National Institute for Health and Care draft revised guidance on ME; sincerely thanks her for her years of dedicated service to the ME patient community; and wishes the Countess of Mar the very best in her retirement.

91 Solar industry's reliance on Uyghur forced labourTabled: **24/05/21** Signatories: **4**

Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon
Christine Jardine
Claire Hanna

That this House notes the new academic report detailing the widespread use of Uyghur forced labour within the solar industry; expresses serious concern that the Government has not addressed this humanitarian crisis as demand for renewable energy continues to grow worldwide; further notes reports from human rights groups which state that the Chinese Government is detaining over one million Uyghur people in re-education camps across the Xinjiang Autonomous Region; acknowledges reports from the camps which allege that detainees are being kept in squalid conditions and are forced to renounce their religion or face torture; and calls on the Government to automatically grant refugee status to all Uyghur people fleeing to the UK as a result of these acts, or any acts of genocide being perpetrated by the Chinese state.

92 40th anniversary of the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk SubstitutesTabled: **24/05/21** Signatories: **10**

Alison Thewliss
Marion Fellows
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Kirsty Blackman

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises that 2021 marks the 40th anniversary of the 1981 International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes; believes that the Code exists to protect all babies, regardless of how they are fed; notes the Code regulates the marketing of breastmilk substitutes which includes infant formulas, follow-on formulas and any other food or drink, together with feeding bottles and teats, intended for babies and young children, sets standards for the labelling and quality of products and for how the law should be implemented and monitored within countries, and aims to ensure that choices are made based on full, impartial information, rather than misleading, inaccurate or biased marketing claims; believes that in this 40th year of the Code it would be appropriate for the UK to finally implement the Code in full; and calls on the Secretary of State for Health to make a statement to set out a plan of action for so doing.

93 Maggie's Centres operations during the covid-19 pandemic

Tabled: 24/05/21 Signatories: 20

Carol Monaghan
Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Alison Thewliss
Alan Brown

John Nicolson

That this House congratulates the work of Maggie's Glasgow in providing support to thousands of people with cancer and their loved ones from across the West of Scotland; notes that 2020 was a challenging year for all, but particularly for those suffering from or recently diagnosed with serious illnesses such as cancer; recognises the vital work of Maggie's Centres in providing financial, practical, and psychological support to people with cancer and their loved ones; commends Maggie's Glasgow for continuing to provide safe, face-to-face support for people with cancer during the covid-19 pandemic, as well as telephone, email, and digital contact with shielding individuals; further notes that Maggie's frontline staff provided support to NHS workers at Gartnavel General Hospital during the most challenging periods of the pandemic; sincerely thanks Maggie's' Glasgow staff for their continual provision of people-focused, compassionate, and holistic care to people with cancer; celebrates that Maggie's has been operating in Glasgow since 2002, and at the Gartnavel General Hospital since 2011; is concerned that the pandemic will adversely affect cancer outcomes for years to come; welcomes Maggie's ambitions to operate in the NHS' 60 Cancer Care hospital sites across the UK; and calls on the UK Government to provide the capital costs of eight new Maggie's Centres across the UK as part of post-pandemic recovery efforts to support people with cancer and their loved ones.

96 Torture and enforced disappearance of Bahraini political prisoners

Tabled: 24/05/21 Signatories: 20

Mr Alistair Carmichael
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Brendan O'Hara
Chris Law
Kenny MacAskill

Zarah Sultana

Chris Stephens

That this House views with serious concern the attack by Bahraini police on political prisoners in Jau Prison on 17 April 2021; condemns the enforced disappearance of over 60 inmates for a period of 19 days after the attack; notes that the attack was in response to a sit-in by inmates protesting deteriorating prison conditions and the death of political prisoner Abbas Mallallah; is aware that police officers involved in the incident were led by top prison officials, Hisham Abdulraheem and Brigadier Abdulsalam AlArifi; is deeply disturbed by first-hand accounts provided to the Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy that inmates were severely beaten and subjected to torture and cruel and degrading treatment; expresses concern that Saeed Abdulemam was beaten unconscious, requiring hospitalisation; abhors reports that the attack's victims were subjected to religious discrimination and denied medical treatment; echoes the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights' (OHCHR) condemnation of the use of unnecessary and disproportionate force by police; supports OHCHR's calls for a thorough and effective investigation; condemns the Bahraini Ministry of Interior's whitewash of abuses against inmates; condemns further whitewashing by UK-funded oversight bodies, including Bahrain's Ministry of Interior Ombudsman and the National

Institute for Human Rights which issued false and misleading statements about the attack and subsequent abuse; urges the Government to suspend technical assistance to Bahraini oversight bodies; and calls upon the Government to oppose the criminalisation and prosecution of the attack's victims and ensure that they are not subjected to further reprisals.

97 Welcoming refugees during and post covid-19

Tabled: **24/05/21** Signatories: **17**

Apsana Begum
John McDonnell
Jeremy Corbyn
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Claudia Webbe
Zarah Sultana

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises that, as the 72th anniversary of the Geneva Convention approaches, there are more refugees, approximately 80 million, than at any other time in history; that they are victims of wars, environmental disasters and climate change, human rights abuses, pandemic and poverty; resolves to frame a response to their predicament with a humanitarian-first approach and not to inflict further trauma via detention or criminalisation and thanks refugees for their contribution to the academic, business, cultural and financial fabric of society.

100 Undisputed world champion Josh Taylor

Tabled: **24/05/21** Signatories: **8**

Kenny MacAskill
Jonathan Edwards
Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Neale Hanvey

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates East Lothian boxer Josh Taylor on his latest outstanding success in defeating US fighter Jose Ramirez to become undisputed super-lightweight champion of the world; notes that Josh has become only the fifth man, and the first UK fighter, to claim the WBO, WBA, IBF and WBC titles simultaneously since the 4-belt era officially began in 2004, and that his victory also makes him the first Scot to be undisputed world champion since Ken Buchanan some 50 years ago; believes that this achievement puts Josh firmly among the all-time greats of World Boxing; recognises the efforts of his coach Terry McCormack and the team at Lochend Boxing Club who had belief and aspirations for Josh as a youngster and who has, along with many others, contributed massively in his success; and wishes Josh Taylor and his team continuing success with his future boxing career.

101 St Johnstone FC winning the 2021 Scottish Cup Final

Tabled: 24/05/21 Signatories: 14

Pete Wishart
Gavin Newlands
Jonathan Edwards
John Nicolson
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon

Chris Stephens

That this House wholeheartedly congratulates St Johnstone Football Club on winning the Scottish Cup adding it to the Scottish League Cup already won earlier in the season, making it a historic cup double for the Perth side; congratulates manager Callum Davidson, all the players, Chairman Steve Brown, his fellow board members and all associated with the football club on this fantastic achievement; acknowledges that this victory makes St Johnstone F.C. the most successful Scottish team in the 2020-21 season and the second most successful Scottish team over the last decade; and looks forward to a proper celebration in Perth when covid-19 guidelines allow to mark what has been an amazing season for the club.

102 80th anniversary of the sinking of HMS Hood

Tabled: 24/05/21 Signatories: 13

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Jonathan Edwards
Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Brendan O'Hara
Sir Mike Penning

Chris Stephens

That this House notes the 80th anniversary of the sinking of HMS Hood which occurred on 24 May 1941; recognises that only three of her 1,418-strong crew survived the battle in the Denmark Strait; acknowledges that HMS Hood was constructed at John Brown and Company shipyards in Clydebank and launched in 1918 at which time it was considered to be one of the most powerful battlecruisers afloat earning the nickname Mighty Hood; and understands that the HMS Hood has a valuable connection with the industrial and shipbuilding heritage of Clydebank with commemoration events taking place to mark the launching of that vessel.

103 Shetland Pride festival

Tabled: 25/05/21 Signatories: 4

Mr Alistair Carmichael
Christine Jardine
Margaret Ferrier
Chris Stephens

That this House welcomes plans for Shetland's first Pride festival in June 2022; welcomes the opportunity for Shetland to show its support for the LGBT+ community; believes that the event shows that society is increasingly open and respectful society and reflects the strength of support across the country; congratulates the dedicated organisers of the event, Shetland Pride, and pays tribute to the work of Kerrie Meyer; welcomes the support from Shetland Islands Council; and looks forward to the festival when it takes place next year.

104 National Epilepsy Week 2021

Tabled: 25/05/21 Signatories: 9

Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Gavin Robinson
Andrew Gwynne
Paula Barker

Chris Stephens

That this House notes National Epilepsy Week 2021 running from 24 May to 31 May; notes the campaign #6forthe600 which highlights that every week 600 people in the UK are given the life changing news they have epilepsy; further notes Epilepsy Research UK has announced funding for a further four projects, valued at £1.25 million as part of annual research awards meaning that 15 new studies will be taking place across the country, involving over 60 researchers including collaborators in Europe, the US and Australia and funding 58 research projects nationally; and further highlights the #6forthe600 challenge in which people are asked to think of an activity based around the number 6, 60 or even 600 and raise money accordingly.

105 Music for Dementia

Tabled: 25/05/21 Signatories: 10

Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Gavin Robinson
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Paula Barker
Christine Jardine

Claire Hanna

Chris Stephens

That this House notes the wonderful work carried out by Music for Dementia with the rising number of dementia patients; highlights that there are approximately 885,000 people with dementia in the UK and that by 2040 it is predicted that this figure will almost double to 1.6 million; highlights that music therapy has been shown to be the best type of therapy for reducing the behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia and that if reduces agitation and need for medication by 67 per cent; further highlights that singing in residential homes can halve anxiety and depression levels can fall by 40 per cent; and calls on the health trusts throughout the UK to take on board this research and deliver music programmes as standard in care and residential homes with dementia patients.

106 Blasphemy laws in Pakistan

Tabled: 25/05/21 Signatories: 3

Jim Shannon
Paula Barker
Claire Hanna

That this House notes with concern the Pakistani Government's recent public commitment to maintaining the country's blasphemy laws; expresses disappointment at the Pakistani Government's dismissal of evidence of the misuse of these laws against religious minorities; notes that false accusations of blasphemy are made with impunity and that Pakistan's own Supreme Court has observed the majority of blasphemy cases are based on false accusations stemming from personal or family vendettas; acknowledges that Pakistan's religious and belief minorities are disproportionately

affected, with Pakistan's Christian's making up just 1.6 per cent of the country's population but representing more than 15 per cent of those charged with blasphemy; is concerned by Amnesty International's reports of an alarming uptick in blasphemy accusations across Pakistan; denounces the vigilante violence that blasphemy accusations often incite; calls on the Governments of Pakistan, and the seven other countries in which blasphemy convictions carry death sentences, to stop the misuse of these laws; urges the Pakistani Government to release those languishing in prison held on unsubstantiated charges, including Christians Shagufta Kausar and Shafqat Emmanuel held since 2014 for allegedly sending blasphemous text messages; and further calls on the UK Government to follow the European Parliament's lead in re-examining trade relations with Pakistan due to that country's human rights record.

107 Occupation of Palestine

Tabled: 25/05/21 Signatories: 4

Kenny MacAskill
Allan Dorans
Claire Hanna
Chris Stephens

That this House, whilst welcoming a ceasefire in Israel, Palestine and Gaza, notes with concern the continued threat posed to Palestinian civilians by the Israeli Defence Forces; therefore regrets that the Ministry of Defence refused to publish details of the agreement strengthening military co-operation signed by the British Armed Forces with the Israeli Defence Forces on 2 December 2020; further regrets that the Department of International Trade declined to publish the names of companies granted export licences for components potentially for use by the Israeli Defence Forces; and believes that in view of past Palestinian civilian deaths and the severity of the ongoing threat that continues to face them that normal security and commercial confidences are overridden by legitimate public interest.

108 North Berwick fire fighter retires

Tabled: 25/05/21 Signatories: 6

Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey
Allan Dorans
Margaret Ferrier
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Dave Kerr on his retirement after 27 year service with North Berwick Fire Station; recognises his dedication to the community he has served throughout the years in this vital work; pays tribute to his incredible bravery not only in his work tackling fires but also in recently facing a significant illness; further recognises the resolute forbearance of his wife Linda for the many times she has been left to pick up the tab while Dave dashes to an emergency call out; thanks Dave for the long heroic service given in his central role of fire fighter at North Berwick Fire Station and wishes him well for the future.

109 City of Dundee Palestinian recognitionTabled: **25/05/21** Signatories: **3**

Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Chris Stephens

That this House notes that the city of Dundee has become the first city in Scotland to officially recognise the state of Palestine; further notes that this follows the 40-year anniversary of the twinning of Dundee with the Palestinian city of Nablus in 1980; commends all those involved locally in Dundee who maintain important links between the two cities; believes that a two-state solution is made more possible if both sides are treated as equals; and calls on the Government to follow the City of Dundee's lead and officially recognise Palestine as an independent and equal nation state.

111 Justice for Reggie CampaignTabled: **26/05/21** Signatories: **5**

Neale Hanvey
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Paula Barker
Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the efforts of Richard Ackers and the Justice for Reggie Campaign in seeking to protect the well-being of domestic animals; supports their call for more stringent laws on the breeding, transportation and sale of those animals, particularly with regard to unregulated puppy farming and illegal online sales of puppies by unscrupulous breeders; welcomes licensing for all sellers in order to eradicate cruel and unusual breeding methods and to eliminate such inhumane practices as ear cropping; recognises the need for host sites and seller channels to take verified and true identification of each seller prior to listing and to provide traceable provenance for each animal thus advertised and sold; believes in mandatory registration and independent regulation for all animal rescue centres so that such unchecked sales cannot take place under the guise of an animal welfare organisation; and urges the UK Government to promptly enact those necessary changes in order to significantly reduce the risk of harm for each of those living creatures.

112 Conflict in Tigray, EthiopiaTabled: **26/05/21** Signatories: **15**

Helen Hayes
Jim Shannon
Claire Hanna
Mr Virendra Sharma
Paula Barker
Daisy Cooper

Patrick Grady
 Tony Lloyd
 Valerie Vaz

Dame Angela Eagle
 Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
 Debbie Abrahams

Mick Whitley
 Chris Stephens
 Kenny MacAskill

That this House notes the high level of sexual violence in the conflict in Tigray, resulting in an estimated 10,000 women being raped in the four months to March; further notes the leadership role the UK government has played in global efforts to eliminate sexual violence in conflict; notes that the UN Day for the Elimination of sexual violence in conflict is on 19 June; and calls on the UK government to table a resolution at the UN Security Council setting up a tribunal to investigate sexual violence in the conflict in Tigray as a war crime, a crime against humanity or a constitutive act of genocide.

113 Cathie and Denis Curran MBE

Tabled: 26/05/21 Signatories: 7

Dr Lisa Cameron
Allan Dorans
Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Marion Fellows

Chris Stephens

That this house pays tribute to Denis Curran MBE and his wife Cathie after they recently announced their retirement from the Loaves and Fishes foodbank in East Kilbride after nearly 30 years of service to the most vulnerable and in need in the local East Kilbride community; draws particular attention to their life's work in providing support and care for those who had nowhere else to turn and their tireless commitment to speaking truth to power on behalf of those who are voiceless; thanks all the volunteers and members of the local community who give their time and resources to support Loaves and Fishes; and calls on the Government to treat those who currently rely on foodbanks across the UK with the dignity and humanity they deserve and to ensure that future generations grow up in a place where the need for foodbanks no longer exists.

114 Authoritarianism in Belarus and arbitrary detention of prisoners of conscience

Tabled: 26/05/21 Signatories: 7

Alyn Smith
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Andrew Gwynne
Chris Law
Claire Hanna

Chris Stephens

That this House condemns the actions by the Belarusian authorities on 23 May 2021 which resulted in the forced landing of Ryanair flight FR4978 in Minsk and the subsequent arrest of journalist Roman Protasevich and his partner Sofia Sapega; notes that the actions of Belarus are a breach of international civil and aviation law under the Chicago Convention; is concerned that 33,000 civilians have been arbitrarily detained since the fraudulent presidential election of 9 August 2020; further notes that there are currently more than 3000 prisoners of conscience which include activists such as Paval Sevyarynets, Yauhen Afnahel and Iryna Shchastnaya; calls for the immediate and unconditional release of all prisoners of conscience in Belarus; notes that the UK is Belarus' third-largest trading partner and that Lukashenko's government is heavily dependent on financial flows via London; and therefore further calls on the Government to implement new sanctions against Belarus, including halting Belarus from using the London Stock Exchange and banning any UK investment into Belarus until all prisoners of conscience are released and free and fair democratic elections held in Belarus.

115 Partick Thistle Football Club Returns to Scottish Championship

Tabled: 26/05/21 Signatories: 6

Patrick Grady
 Mhairi Black
 Chris Stephens
 Allan Dorans
 Jim Shannon
 Chris Law

That this House congratulates Partick Thistle Football Club on its return to the Scottish Championship after winning the League One title with a 5-0 win over Falkirk on 29th April 2021; recognises the economic, social and cultural contribution the Club has made to communities in Glasgow North and across the city, particularly in providing a family-friendly atmosphere at their games and, through the Club's Charitable Trust, delivering tens of thousands of free meals to some of the most vulnerable members of the local community during the coronavirus pandemic; commends the hard work of manager Ian McCall, and the dedication of all the Club's players, coaches and staff in securing this victory; and wishes the Club every success in the coming season in the Scottish Championship.

116 10th anniversary of the Language Hub in Glasgow

Tabled: 26/05/21 Signatories: 5

Patrick Grady
 Allan Dorans
 Jim Shannon
 Chris Law
 Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates the Language Hub, based in Partick in Glasgow, which celebrates its 10th anniversary in May 2021; notes that the Hub is a community interest company which specialises in helping Glaswegians of all ages affordably learn any of the more than 15 languages on offer; understands that the Hub is a huge asset to the community and the first language school of its kind in Glasgow, offering language and cultural learning for a range of ages all under one roof from native speakers as well as an innovative multilingual lending library; further notes that in celebration of their 10th anniversary they provided a range of free activities over three days both within the premises and online, bringing their community together to celebrate along with giving newcomers a taster; commends the Hub on its work of providing these services online during the covid-19 outbreak and working hard to start to reopen to the public; recognises the hard work of the Hub's directors Michèle Gordon and Andrea Wieler along with all involved in the Hub's success; and wishes the Language Hub well in its future ventures.

117 20th Anniversary of the Bard in Botanics

Tabled: 26/05/21 Signatories: 5

Patrick Grady
 Allan Dorans
 Jim Shannon
 Chris Law
 Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Bard in the Botanics, Glasgow's annual outdoor Shakespeare festival, which marks its 20th anniversary in 2021; notes since their first festival they have staged more than

100 productions of Shakespeare's work to audiences totalling in excess of 150,000 within Glasgow's Botanic Gardens; further notes some of the Bard in the Botanics most popular performances have revived physical performances of Shakespeare's work leading to productions touring across Scotland; recognises the dedication of Gordon Barr, the company's Artistic Director, and the rest of the casts and production teams in creating fantastic performances over the past two decades which have been much missed in the city over the course of the last year; and wishes the company well as it hopes to return to live performances with the "Lost & Found" Season in the Botanic Gardens this summer.

118 Lady Rita Rae QC elected as Rector of Glasgow University

Tabled: 26/05/21 Signatories: 10

Patrick Grady
Carol Monaghan
Alison Thewliss
David Linden
Anne McLaughlin
Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Jim Shannon

Chris Law

That this House congratulates Lady Rae on her election as Rector of the University of Glasgow on 21st April 2020; notes that Lady Rae is making history by becoming the University of Glasgow's first female working Rector, and only the second woman ever elected to the post after the symbolic election of Winne Mandela in 1987; further notes Lady Rae's distinguished legal career of five decades, which she began as a solicitor in Glasgow, becoming a partner in a leading criminal law practice, appointed Queen's Counsel in 1992, serving as a sheriff and finally as a Senator of the College of Justice, holding a seat as an Upper Tribunal Judge presiding over immigration and asylum appeals; notes that Lady Rae was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from the University of Glasgow in 2019 in recognition of her contribution to Scots Law; notes that the role of Rector, the ex-officio chair of the University Court and a voice and advocate for students in university management structures, has existed at Glasgow since 1542; and wishes Lady Rae all the best in her new role as Rector as she takes forward her commitments to widening participation, promoting multiculturalism, student safety, welfare and internationalism.

119 Apology for Forced Adoption

Tabled: 26/05/21 Signatories: 41

Ms Harriet Harman
Sir David Amess
Joanna Cherry
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Debbie Abrahams
Rosie Duffield

Mick Whitley
 Claire Hanna
 Christine Jardine
 Valerie Vaz
 Munira Wilson
 Emma Hardy
 Rushanara Ali
 Andy Slaughter

Jim Shannon
 Paula Barker
 Rosie Cooper
 Dame Angela Eagle
 Yvonne Fovargue
 Rachael Maskell
 Stephen Farry
 Dame Margaret Hodge

Kenny MacAskill
 Tony Lloyd
 Tonia Antoniazzi
 Kim Johnson
 Seema Malhotra
 Chris Stephens
 Ian Mearns
 Stuart C McDonald

Kevin Brennan
Zarah Sultana

Mr Virendra Sharma
Allan Dorans

Dr Philippa Whitford

That this House recognises the great injustice, suffering and lifetime of pain caused to mothers and their children separated by forced adoption in the UK in the three decades after the Second World War, when young unmarried mothers were coerced into handing over their new-born children, and apologises for it; recognises that it is wrong to say that those mothers chose to give up their babies for adoption, when there was no choice and they were actively pressured to do so by doctors, midwives and other professionals; deplores the shameful practices that denied those mothers their fundamental rights to love and care for their children; pays tribute to the tireless campaign for justice by the Movement for an Adoption Apology; acknowledges that the State and those acting on its behalf allowed or encouraged abuses of adoption practices; unconditionally apologises for the policies and practices that allowed this injustice to occur and for the pain that was caused; calls on the Government to issue an unconditional and comprehensive apology to all those affected and to endorse their demand for recognition and justice; calls on the Government to ensure all those affected receive the help and support they need, including specialist counselling services; and further calls on the Government to establish an inquiry so that the full truth can be told and this grave injustice can be fully recognised and understood.

120 **Whitekirk Hill, East Lothian, Spa of the Year in Scotland**

Tabled: 26/05/21 Signatories: 5

Kenny MacAskill
Allan Dorans
Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens

This House welcomes the re-opening of Whitekirk Hill in East Lothian which is set in 160 acres of woodland overlooking the Firth of Forth; congratulates Whitekirk Hill on winning Health Spa of the Year in Scotland; notes the ambitious extension of their events packages to host weddings and offer new holiday luxury eco lodges to stay over in; recognises the variety of facilities on offer including high quality dining experience in the Orangery cafe and Terrace, a spa offering an array of treatments, indoor play area for children, fitness suite with swimming pool and contemporary event space; thanks the staff and owners of Whitekirk Hill for their dedicated work and vision to restoring this business and creating a unique facility which will bring business into East Lothian; acknowledges the challenging year it has been for businesses and wishes Whitekirk Hill continued success in the future.