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## **Early Day Motions tabled on Monday 14 June 2021**

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### **New EDMs**

#### **187 UK City of Culture changes**

Tabled: **14/06/21** Signatories: **3**

**Mr Gregory Campbell**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**

That this House notes recent changes being introduced for future City of Culture bids; acknowledges the significant benefits that can accrue for successful Cities; recognises that previous winners such as Londonderry the first ever UK City of Culture, Hull and Coventry were all recognised as locations that raised the profile of local people, the wider area and increased a sense of pride in showcasing their districts to a much wider audience; and expresses the hope that future regions bidding for the title will be able to maximise the benefits for all their citizens.

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#### **188 Sustainability in national curriculum**

Tabled: **14/06/21** Signatories: **1**

**Mr Barry Sheerman**

That this House considers best practice from across the United Kingdom and globally in terms of integrating sustainability into the national curriculum; recognises that the environmental challenges that we face require young people across the United Kingdom to be made more aware of the threats from climate change, environmental degradation, resource scarcity and air quality and educated in how communities can play a role facing the challenges of the future; further recognises that the education of our young people in the subject area of sustainability will assist considerably in the transition to the 'green economy' of the future; urges the Government to undertake an urgent and far-reaching review into the benefits of embedding the subject area of sustainability into the national curriculum; and further urges the Government to take the steps essential to ensure

that young people are made aware of the environmental challenges our planet faces and are fully prepared for the transition of our country to a radically different sustainable model.

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### 189 Anniversary of the Tiananmen Square Massacre

Tabled: 14/06/21 Signatories: 1

**Layla Moran**

That this House notes that 4 June marks the 32nd anniversary of the 1989 brutal suppression of peaceful human rights and pro-democracy activists in Tiananmen Square in Beijing in which thousands died or were wounded; recognises that to this day, the family members of the victims are seeking justice for their loved ones; expresses alarm that for the first time since 1990, there was no organised in-person vigil in Hong Kong to commemorate the massacre, as the public was warned that anyone attending the vigil could face up to five years in prison; condemns the Chinese Communist Party's continued violation of the human rights of the Chinese people; expresses concern that the human rights situation in China has rapidly deteriorated under president Xi Jinping; expresses further concern that in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, over one million Uyghurs, Kazakhs and members of other ethnic groups have been detained in re-education camps since 2017 without charge, and numerous reports have emerged from the camps of torture, ill-treatment, forced labour, systematic rape and forced sterilisation; further condemns the Chinese government's continued actions to undermine the human rights to freedom of religion or belief, freedom of expression, and freedom of assembly as laid out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and urges the Government to press the Chinese government in public and in private to end human rights violations in the country.

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### 190 Rental reform

Tabled: 14/06/21 Signatories: 2

**Lloyd Russell-Moyle**  
**Apsana Begum**

That this House welcomes the announcement in the 2021 Queen's Speech for greater protection of tenants; notes that the 2019 and 2018 Queen's Speeches contained a commitment to abolish Section 21 of the Housing Act which allows for a no-fault eviction; further notes that an estimated 694,000 private tenants have been served with Section 21 notices since the pandemic started; and calls on the Government to bring forward a bill to abolish Section 21 and provide a legal framework for more secure tenancies while also providing for more adequate avenues for dispute resolution and access to justice.

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### 191 Loneliness Awareness Week and the digital divide faced by people with a learning disability

Tabled: 14/06/21 Signatories: 1

**Sir Mark Hendrick**

That this House recognises Loneliness Awareness Week, running from 14 to 18 June; commends the charity Hft's recent Sector Pulse Check 2020 research that highlights the digital barriers which made it difficult for people who have a learning disability to remain in touch with others during the covid-19 outbreak; encourages the Government to take steps to close the digital divide to ensure people who have a learning disability have the opportunity to make and maintain friendships

through digital means; and urges the Government to set out explicit actions it will take in response to those digital barriers as part of its Loneliness Strategy.

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## 192 Refugee Week 2021

Tabled: 14/06/21 Signatories: 1

**Mr Alistair Carmichael**

That this House supports Refugee Week 2021, which takes place from 14 to 20 June with the theme entitled *We Cannot Walk Alone*; notes that there are an estimated 26 million refugees and 4 million asylum seekers around the world today; further notes that the UK has a proud history of providing sanctuary to those in need, and believes that this tradition must be upheld; further believes that providing refugees with safe and legal routes to the UK is the best way to combat people smuggling and human trafficking and to prevent desperate people from making dangerous attempts to cross the Channel or the Mediterranean; notes with concern that only 353 refugees were resettled in the UK in 2020-21, 93 percent fewer than the previous year; regrets that the Government has not made a new commitment to relocate unaccompanied refugee children from elsewhere in Europe following the closure of the scheme under Section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016 in July 2020; and calls on the Government to urgently make a new long-term commitment to resettle 10,000 vulnerable refugees in the UK each year, as well as a further 10,000 refugee children from elsewhere in Europe over the next 10 years.

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## 193 The fur trade in the UK

Tabled: 14/06/21 Signatories: 1

**Tracey Crouch**

That this House welcomes the Call for Evidence on the fur trade in the UK; urges the Government to introduce legislation to ban the import and sale of fur in the UK having first banned fur farms more than 20 years ago, something that is possible now that the UK has left the European Union; believes that, in view of the UK's recognition that fur is too cruel to be farmed here, logically it is also too cruel to be sold here; welcomes the suggestion of such a law in the Government's recent Action Plan for Animal Welfare; acknowledges recent polling showing 72% of the British public welcome a fur sales ban; recognises the widespread political support for a ban on real fur sales and imports; further notes the link between Covid-19 and fur farms reported by the WHO in February 2021 which has resulted in millions of mink being culled across the world over the last year; and believes that a fur import and sales ban represents a significant opportunity for the UK to be a world leader in animal welfare.

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## 194 Reductions in funding for conflict, peacebuilding and stabilisation efforts

Tabled: 14/06/21 Signatories: 1

**Chris Law**

That this House regrets the £896 million funding cut to organisations that assist the Governments work on conflict, peacebuilding and stabilisation efforts; notes that these cuts effect the most unstable and impoverished conflict zones in the world including Syria, South Sudan, Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Yemen; is concerned that the cuts will have a ripple effect on organisations and communities ability to address the causes and consequences of insecurity; recognises that this will ruin the chance of hundreds of thousands to live safer lives; acknowledges that these cuts go against the objective set out in the Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign policy which aims to support open societies and defend human rights and tackle conflict and instability; and calls on the Government to meet its key security objectives, abide

by its manifesto promise and legal commitment to spend 0.7 percent of GNI on ODA, and reverse the funding cuts to conflict zones.

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**195 Royal Yacht Britannia**

Tabled: **14/06/21** Signatories: **1**

**Chris Law**

That this House recognises the suffering that reductions in the UK aid budget will cause; acknowledges that the Government plans to go ahead with proposals for a new Royal Yacht despite continued controversy; further recognises that the Government confirmed they would return aid spending to the regular 0.7 per cent of GNI commitment when it was fiscally prudent to do so; is shocked to see priority being given to a vanity project whilst reducing aid spending; further acknowledges that any Official Development Assistance spent on the Royal Yacht would be depriving deserving projects of much needed funds; and urgently calls on the Government to confirm that no funding for the new Royal Yacht will come out of the international aid budget.

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**196 Travel Your World Kirkcaldy and Scottish travellers during the covid-19 pandemic**

Tabled: **14/06/21** Signatories: **1**

**Neale Hanvey**

That this House recognises the extraordinary efforts of independent travel agency Travel Your World based in Kirkcaldy, and other travel agents in Scotland and across the UK, to sustain their businesses throughout the covid-19 pandemic; acknowledges the unprecedented challenges posed by the pandemic and the enormous pressure placed upon Travel Your World and others as a result of associated travel restrictions over the past year and three months; further recognises that many such travel agencies have continued to work throughout the pandemic to protect, transfer and refund bookings, all at their own cost and without commission; acknowledges the value of the Governmental business support schemes, yet notes with concern that travel agencies have been excluded from much-needed financial support, such as the furlough scheme, as staff must continue to work unrewarded as they battle to keep the industry buoyant; further notes with concern the weight of this financial burden placed upon travel agencies and the need for urgent targeted financial support; and calls upon the Government to ensure this vital engine room of the travel sector is secured and ready to take on its core role in driving the travel sector recovery.

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**197 Pub with rooms of the year awarded to Ship Inn at Elie, East Neuk**

Tabled: **14/06/21** Signatories: **1**

**Wendy Chamberlain**

That this House congratulates the Ship Inn at Elie of East Neuk, Fife upon its recent award of Pub with Rooms of the year; recognises the work of the Ship Inn in promoting the local area and produce; and commends its dedication to excellence which led to this award.

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**198 Government review of NHS eating disorder services**

Tabled: 14/06/21 Signatories: 1

**Sir George Howarth**

That this House expresses strong concern at the lack of a coherent and effective approach to eating disorders in the UK; notes the impact of calorie labelling and other anti-obesity measures on those with eating disorders; further notes with dismay the increasing number of incidences of people experiencing eating disorders during the course of the Covid-19 pandemic; and calls on the Government to review NHS eating disorder services to ensure that resources are prioritised to help all those with eating disorders.

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**Added Names**

Below are EDMs tabled in the last two weeks to which names have been added. Only the first 6 names and any new names are included.

**140 Reform of the Mental Health Act**

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 17

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Andrew Rosindell**

Tony Lloyd

That this House welcomes the announcement in the Queen's Speech on the 11 May 2021 to introduce a Bill to reform the Mental Health Act in recognition of the vast improvements in understanding and treatment of mental health disorders since the Act's original formulation in 1983; in particular commends the Government for signaling its intention to better the treatment and referral of those with a disability or autistic spectrum disorder in the criminal justice system and while detained; calls on the Government to heed the recommendations of the Green Paper titled Transforming Children and Young People's Mental Health Provision in that Bill and to work with local government, voluntary and childcare organizations to ensure that data and expertise is shared between relevant authorities and parties and that mental health conditions are treated at the earliest possibility in whichever setting they first present to ensure the best possible health outcomes for children and young people.

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**142 Louise Caldwell and campaign for mothers who have experienced miscarriage**

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 10

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Neale Hanvey**  
**Allan Dorans**

Carla Lockhart

That this House pays tribute to East Kilbride resident Louise Caldwell in her tireless work campaigning on behalf of mothers who have suffered a miscarriage; in particular drawing attention to her ongoing petition and campaigning on behalf of those who have had to deliver a stillborn child in a maternity ward surrounded by new and expectant mums; recognizes that this is the tragic and heart-breaking reality for thousands of mothers every year; and calls on the Government to consider whether alternative maternity wards for those who have miscarried might be implemented so as to ensure that all women receive the best care and support possible.

**148 Carers Week 2021**

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 27

**Ed Davey**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Neale Hanvey**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Paul Blomfield**  
**Caroline Lucas**

Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House supports Carers Week which takes place on the 7th to the 13th June 2021; notes that Week's theme is Make Caring Visible and Valued; highlights the invaluable contribution that over 6.5 million unpaid carers make to their local communities across the UK; recognises that carers have been under extraordinary pressure during the Coronavirus pandemic and that many of the challenges that those carers face have intensified, meaning that 81 per cent of carers are spending more time on their caring responsibilities and two thirds of carers have not had any breaks at all since the beginning of the pandemic; and calls on the Government to provide unpaid carers with the support services that they need, including respite care so that carers can take regular breaks.

**150 World Milk Day**

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 5

**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Paul Girvan**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Carla Lockhart**

That this House notes the 21st birthday of World Milk Day; highlights the tremendous benefits of consuming milk for all age groups including for the production and maintenance of healthy bones and teeth; further notes the wonderful diversification taking place by the provision of automated vending machines to encourage people to purchase fresh milk such as those machines located at

Streamvale Farm on the border of the Strangford constituency; and further highlights the important contribution of a milk rich diet to our health and local economy.

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## 152 Fees for London Licensed Taxi Trade at Heathrow Airport

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 4

**John McDonnell**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**John Spellar**  
**Ian Lavery**

That this House recognises the serious concerns of the London Licensed Taxi Trade regarding Heathrow Airport Ltd.'s plans to increase the fee payable when a driver enters the Heathrow Taxi Feeder Park in order to service the airports taxi ranks from 1 July 2021; supports the trade in its call for Heathrow to reconsider this near threefold increase; notes the important role that licensed taxis play as a form of onward transport from Heathrow, particularly for business travellers, tourists and those with limited mobility, including disabled and elderly passengers; applauds the efforts of London's black cab drivers to keep passengers moving safely throughout the pandemic, providing a covid-secure service and undertaking high risk journeys to quarantine hotels and testing sites when many other forms of transport were operating vastly reduced services; acknowledges the significant financial challenges facing Heathrow as a result of the pandemic and collapse in passenger numbers, which has also created financial hardship for many self-employed taxi drivers; believes that there is a more equitable solution that can be found to allow Heathrow to recover its losses without unfairly and unduly impacting already struggling taxi drivers; and therefore calls on Heathrow to reconsider its position and re-engage with the London Licensed Taxi Trade as a matter of urgency to ensure that the entry fee remains sustainable for drivers and does not damage their business.

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## 156 Post-WWII forced deportation of Chinese seafarers

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 17

**Kim Johnson**  
**Mick Whitley**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Dan Carden**  
**Jim Shannon**

Ian Lavery

That this House notes that this is the 75th anniversary of the forced deportations of thousands of Chinese seafarers after the Second World War, which left many families abandoned without support and with no idea of what had happened; notes that the restricted papers, made public after 50 years, show that decisions taken by the Home Office led to the forced deportation of over 2000 Chinese seafarers from Liverpool, many of whom put their lives on the line for the Allied war effort and who were repaid with this act; notes that this was one of the most nakedly racist incidents ever instigated by the Government, and that countless families suffered a lifetime of trauma as a result, many of whom died without ever knowing the truth about what happened to their loved ones with descendants still searching for answers and lost family members; and calls on the Government to acknowledge this atrocity and issue a full and formal apology for these grave injustices.

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**162 Crisis of insecure work**

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 19

Jon Trickett  
 Andrew Gwynne  
 Paula Barker  
 Claudia Webbe  
 Kim Johnson  
 Jonathan Edwards

Ian Mearns

Mick Whitley

Ian Lavery

That this House expresses alarm at the £107 billion rise in wealth for those at the top; notes that the levels of insecure employment in the UK are worryingly high and that data from the Office for National Statistics published on 18 May 2021 shows unemployment at 1.6 million; further notes that 1.5 million are in temporary work and that 1 million part time workers are struggling to find a full time job; recognises that this means more than 4 million people are underemployed; also recognises that 5.5 million workers are paid below the living wage, 857,000 workers are employed on zero hours contracts and 2.2 million workers currently work fewer than 15 hours a week; believes that this is contributing to a cost of living crisis in the UK, where millions struggle to make ends meet; expresses concern about what the future holds for the 4 million workers still on furlough, as well as the growing number of employers using fire & rehire tactics across all sectors, including Weetabix and Argos this week; acknowledges that 100 million fewer hours of work are currently being undertaken in the UK economy; and calls on the Government to radically increase investment across the UK to increase productivity, create sustainable well paid jobs of the future and to do more to help the millions workers facing a very uncertain future.

**165 MBRRACE enquiry**

Tabled: 8/06/21 Signatories: 14

David Linden  
 Marion Fellows  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Neale Hanvey  
 Allan Dorans  
 Jim Shannon

Carla Lockhart

That this House is concerned that the MBRRACE: Perinatal Confidential Enquiry report on Stillbirths and neonatal deaths in twin pregnancies found twins are twice as likely to be stillborn and are three and a half times more likely to die as newborns; is further concerned that in one in two baby deaths reviewed the care was poor and that if it had been better may have prevented the baby from dying; notes inequalities in outcomes for twins is higher than all other communities; is troubled that progress in reducing twin baby deaths has stalled since 2016; acknowledges that preventing these twin baby deaths will contribute between 5 and 7 per cent towards the national ambition to halve all stillbirths and neonatal deaths by 2025; and backs Twins Trust's call for the report's recommendations to be explicitly highlighted in national policies, and for local maternity units across the UK to make improvements as a matter of urgency.



**168 Mental health provision for university students**

Tabled: 9/06/21 Signatories: 15

**Ed Davey**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Daisy Cooper**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Caroline Lucas**

Christine Jardine

That this House calls on the Government to publish clear guidance to universities on what mental health provision should be in place for university students; recognises the immense strain placed on university students during the covid-19 outbreak and the continuing assessments and exams that students have been required to undertake; stresses that students are lacking critical pastoral support during challenging periods of time; notes the concerning Global Student Survey that suggests that 70 per cent of British university students believe their mental health has suffered since the start of the pandemic; recognises the ONS Student December 2020 survey which found students to be significantly more anxious than the UK general population; urges the Government to ensure that universities have sufficient funding for mental health provision; and calls on the Government to ensure that all university students are guaranteed access to high quality mental health services.

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**169 Higher education funding**

Tabled: 9/06/21 Signatories: 12

**Ed Davey**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Daisy Cooper**  
**Mick Whitley**

Christine Jardine

That this House calls on the Government to provide financial compensation to university students for lost teaching and rent during the covid-19 outbreak; notes that university students have not had adequate teaching or the university experience that they expected; notes that universities have worked hard to adapt to online teaching but that the higher education sector is facing financial uncertainty, meaning they cannot alone be expected to compensate students; calls on the Government to initiate an independent review into the level of compensation students should be awarded due to the effect of the pandemic on their education and to ensure proper support is available for those facing financial hardship; and urges the Government to implement the recommendations of the APPG for Students by doubling funds for students facing hardship to £700 million to bring support for English students in line with students in Wales.

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**171 Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month 2021**

Tabled: 9/06/21 Signatories: 35

**Martin Docherty-Hughes**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Andy Slaughter**

John Nicolson

Deidre Brock

That this House notes that during the month of June 2021 it is Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month; understands that the theme in 2021 is Make Some Space where it is hoped that people from different backgrounds and professions will make some space in their day to day lives, from teaching school pupils on the histories, cultures or present realities of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people to governmental bodies, both local and across these islands ensuring that there is space for Gypsy, Travellers in local areas and that any services provided are inclusive to the communities; believes that the rich culture and history of the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities is something that must be celebrated and protected and encourages everyone to positively engage with the communities.

**175 Public scientific hearing on animal experiments**

Tabled: 9/06/21 Signatories: 9

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**John McDonnell**

Ian Mearns

Tommy Sheppard

That this House applauds the new Animal Sentience Bill, enshrining in law the ability of animals to experience joy and feel suffering and pain; notes the science-based campaign For Life On Earth with its Beagle Ambassador, rescued laboratory dog Scarlett; is shocked to see the harrowing exposé showing thousands of laboratory dogs intensively bred in the UK and underlines the consequences of the Animal Sentience Bill regarding this; notes that scientists in the wider scientific community, outside the animal-based research sector, openly acknowledge the failure of animal testing in the search for human treatments and cures, and that those experts include scientists in the pharmaceutical industry, the Editor in Chief of the British Medical Journal, the US-based National Cancer Institute which says cures for cancer have been lost because studies in rodents were believed, and the Food and Drug Administration which states that 9 out of 10 new medicines fail to pass human trials because animals cannot predict responses in humans; notes Doctors Greek and Shanks' Trans-Species Modelling Theory, founded upon the theory of evolution, explaining why animals fail as predictive models of humans; and urgently calls on the Government to mandate a rigorous public scientific hearing, judged by independent experts from the relevant science fields, to stop the funding of the now proven failed practice of animal experimentation and increase funding for state-of-the-art human-based research, such as human-on-a-chip and gene-based medicine, to prioritise treatments and cures for human patients and stop the suffering of laboratory dogs and other animals.

**176 Racism in football**Tabled: **9/06/21** Signatories: **24**

**Clive Lewis**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Ian Byrne**

Andrew Gwynne  
 Christine Jardine

Ian Mearns  
 Ian Lavery

Mick Whitley

That this House applauds England football manager Gareth Southgate and his players for their principled opposition to racism; stands in solidarity with all football players and supporters who have been subjected to racism, while participating in the sport they love or in other areas of their life; recognises that those players and their manager are role models for the entire country and that their actions have a large impact on wider society; believes taking the knee to be an honourable and important act, worthy of such role models; thanks players, supporters and those in the wider football community and industry who have stood and will continue to stand against all forms of racism; condemns the booing by some fans of those that take the knee for the blatant racism it is and applauds the majority of fans who do not boo; calls on those in football management, media, sponsorship, breweries and pub landlords to stand up as anti-racists and take a robust approach to that behaviour; wishes Gareth Southgate and the England team every success in the upcoming UEFA Euro 2020 tournament; and calls on the Prime Minister to make a statement in support of anti-racism in football.

**177 End the young parent penalty**Tabled: **10/06/21** Signatories: **26**

**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Claire Hanna**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Mr Alistair Carmichael**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Wera Hobhouse**

Andrew Gwynne

Sarah Olney

Munira Wilson

That this House notes that there are 1.8 million single parents across the UK, with nearly half of all children in single parent families living in poverty; further notes the particular impact of Covid-19 on single parents who are both the carer and income generator for their family; believes that all single parent families should receive appropriate support from the UK Government; regrets that young single parent families under the age of 25 have to claim Universal Credit at a lower rate than those aged 25 or over; further notes that until the introduction of Universal Credit in 2013 young single parent families were entitled to the higher rate of standard allowance in recognition of the cost of caring for a child alone and that this exemption still exists for claimants of legacy benefits; and urges the UK Government to end this Young Parent Penalty and reinstate the exemption for all young single parent families.

**178 Celebrating the clean green status of Scotland's food and drink sector**

Tabled: 10/06/21 Signatories: 3

**Neale Hanvey**  
**Carol Monaghan**  
**Joanna Cherry**

That this House celebrates the clean green status of Scotland's £14 billion food and drink sector and recognises that such high standards have been achieved by implementing key directives within an EU framework; recognises this status as a vital element which underpins the value of the provenance of Scottish food nationally and internationally; highlights that the UK Internal Market Act could threaten Scotland's ability to maintain and protect this internationally recognised and respected marque; and asserts that any UK Government attempt to undermine or impede Scottish regulation of GM crops or editing techniques must never be allowed to destabilise the value or reputation of Scotland-branded export produce.

**179 Protect access to cash**

Tabled: 10/06/21 Signatories: 9

**Neale Hanvey**  
**Claire Hanna**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Mohammad Yasin**  
**Kenny MacAskill**

Ian Mearns

Joanna Cherry

Ben Lake

That this House believes that the UK Government should implement legislation to protect access to cash a priority in this Parliamentary session as part of a proactive campaign to ensure that vulnerable people are not disproportionately affected by the move towards a cashless society.

**180 Pet theft reform**

Tabled: 10/06/21 Signatories: 12

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Chris Law**  
**Mohammad Yasin**

Andrew Gwynne

Carla Lockhart

Christine Jardine

That this House notes with concern the recent increase in dog thefts and associated violence; acknowledges the unprecedented levels of demand for canine companionship during the covid-19 pandemic, resulting in inflated dog prices; recognises that people have an exceptionally powerful bond with their pets, regarding them as priceless, irreplaceable family members; is aware that dogs are stolen by organised gangs and opportunistic thieves, and regardless of the perpetrator, the likelihood of being caught, charged and prosecuted is very low; notes that the intrinsic value and welfare of stolen pets is not taken into account with sentencing, and pet theft is not regarded as a specific offence in current legislation; further acknowledges the campaigning work on this issue by Dr Daniel Allen, Debbie Matthews, the Stolen and Missing Pets Alliance and the Pet Theft Reform Coalition; welcomes the formation of the Pet Theft Taskforce which works with police, law enforcement, and experts to understand and tackle pet theft, considering the issue from end to end (including causes, prevention, reporting, enforcement and prosecution); urges the UK Government

to make pet theft a specific offence with a sentence which is proportionate to the harm caused to pet owners and the impact on pet welfare.

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**182 Mindfulness and mental health**

Tabled: **10/06/21** Signatories: **9**

**Tracey Crouch**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Mohammad Yasin**  
**Hywel Williams**

Andrew Gwynne

Ian Mearns

Christine Jardine

That this House acknowledges the impact of the covid-19 pandemic on the mental health of the UK population; notes the substantial body of research showing how mindfulness can support people managing their mental health; and calls for mindfulness-based interventions to be available to people in all parts of the UK.