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New EDMs

244 **Stadler and fair pay for keyworkers on the Tyne and Wear Metro**

Tabled: **24/06/21** Signatories: **5**

Ian Mearns [R]
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Grahame Morris
Kate Osborne
Mary Kelly Foy

That this House notes that staff who work to maintain the Tyne and Wear Metro's fleet have worked hard to keep the region's highly successful Metro service running throughout the covid-19 pandemic; further notes that those workers were recently transferred into the employment of Stadler Rail Services UK, a subsidiary of Stadler Rail AG; notes that, on transfer, Stadler's UK managing director said he was well aware of the critical role each and every one of them would play in the company's future success; notes that Stadler's latest financial results show a revenue of 3.1 billion Swiss francs and an eight per cent rise in net profits; notes with concern that in spite of those results, Stadler is imposing a pay freeze on the same dedicated workers who have maintained the Tyne and Wear Metro fleet at a time when inflation is rising fast; deeply regrets that Stadler's actions have resulted in RMT and Unite members voting to take strike action; believes that industrial action would be damaging to the Tyne and Wear Metro's recovery; and calls on Stadler to return to the table with a fair pay offer to resolve the dispute.

245 **Linton Lane Centre supporting the community during the covid-19 pandemic**

Tabled: **24/06/21** Signatories: **1**

Neale Hanvey

That this House praises the extraordinary efforts of Linton Lane Community Centre for its support of the Kirkcaldy community since 1926; recognises the outstanding achievement of Chair, Lorraine

Wilkinson for preparing 4,000 meals for vulnerable people during the covid-19 pandemic; also recognises the passion and 25-year stewardship of Mandy Henderson, Centre Manager, and thanks all board members and volunteers who help countless people and families through times of crisis; acknowledges the friendship and individual support offered to whomever walks through the Linton Lane Centre's doors; celebrates the range of support groups, the mental health drop-in clinic, foodbank access and recreational classes that are vital to those in the community living with the effects of a stroke, head and brain trauma, alcohol and drug addiction; further acknowledges the delivery of over 100 Christmas hampers to senior citizens and individuals who were unable to attend the Centre due to lockdown restrictions last year; and notes with concern the necessity for the Linton Lane Centre to continually have to seek financial support, yet gives thanks to funders past and present who ensure these local champions continue to deliver outstanding support to their community.

246 East Kilbride and District Young Farmers Queens Award for Voluntary Service 2021

Tabled: 24/06/21 Signatories: 1

Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House congratulates the East Kilbride and District Young Farmers on their receipt of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service; further congratulates them for continuing their commitment to the East Kilbride community during the difficulties of the last year; notes the long-standing dedication of the club and its members to supporting the local community, working with young people to realize their full potential; recognises the organisation's successful events raising funds for East Kilbride Dementia Carer's Group, Multiple Sclerosis Society, Kilbryde Hospice, Maggie's, Samaritans, Guide Dogs for the Blind and Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance; and wishes the club success with future fundraisers and endeavours.

247 Independent bookshops in Oxford West and Abingdon

Tabled: 24/06/21 Signatories: 1

Layla Moran

That this House recognises the important work of independent bookshops in Independent Book Shop Week 2021 from 19 to 26 June; celebrates the significant cultural and economic contributions of local independent bookshops to the communities of Oxford West and Abingdon including the Last Book Jericho, Bookstore Ltd and Mostly Books; notes the community spirit independent book shops create; understands that a book shop is not just a place to purchase a book, but to gain expertise and get advice, attend events and peak people's interest in reading; acknowledges the threat that online book retailers pose to independent bookshops; calls on people to support local independent book shops as coronavirus restrictions are relaxed; urges the Government to ensure these invaluable assets to the community and the high street are supported so they remain in the years ahead; and further urges the Government to urgently recognise the social value and cultural importance of independent bookshops.

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.

189 Anniversary of the Tiananmen Square Massacre

Tabled: 14/06/21 Signatories: 18

Layla Moran
Wera Hobhouse
Margaret Ferrier
Chris Stephens
Caroline Lucas
Jamie Stone

David Linden

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.

193 The fur trade in the UK

Tabled: 14/06/21 Signatories: 17

Tracey Crouch
Sir Mike Penning
Wera Hobhouse
Sir Greg Knight
Mohammad Yasin
Jonathan Edwards

Kate Osborne

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.

195 Royal Yacht Britannia

Tabled: 14/06/21 Signatories: 16

Chris Law
 Allan Dorans
 Wera Hobhouse
 Jonathan Edwards
 Paula Barker
 Patrick Grady

Claudia Webbe

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.

202 Zero-carbon domestic renewables

Tabled: 15/06/21 Signatories: 17

Tim Farron
 Layla Moran
 Kenny MacAskill
 Jim Shannon
 Caroline Lucas
 Claire Hanna

Deidre Brock

Ian Blackford

Debbie Abrahams

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

203 Australian trade deal

Tabled: 15/06/21 Signatories: 26

Tim Farron
Jim Shannon
Wera Hobhouse
Andrew Gwynne
Kenny MacAskill
Jonathan Edwards

Neale Hanvey

That this House notes the prospective agreement of a trade deal with Australia; expresses strong concern at the potential implications of any deal on British farmers; asks that farmers across the country are properly consulted; further asks that MPs are given the time to adequately read, scrutinise and debate the agreement; and calls on the Government to bring forward a motion to Parliament on any negotiated trade deal.

204 Business support after delaying Stage 4 of the covid-19 roadmap

Tabled: 15/06/21 Signatories: 20

Caroline Lucas
John McDonnell
Wera Hobhouse
Mick Whitley
Kenny MacAskill
Jonathan Edwards

Claudia Webbe

This House believes the decision to delay Stage 4 of the coronavirus roadmap until 19 July 2021 was, regrettably, the right one; recognises that this will be difficult for our constituents and for businesses that continue to be affected by restrictions on their ability to operate; welcomes the support the Treasury has provided to businesses and the self employed to date; calls on the Treasury to recognise that there is a strong case for further support to protect specific sectors of our economy; therefore calls on the Government to retain full furlough, self-employed income support, and full business rates relief, for at least six-months, removing the rateable value limit on business rates relief; further calls for new sector-specific 'recovery grants' with expanded eligibility, the extension of the 5 percent hospitality and tourism VAT rate, a Government-backed Covid-19 events cancellation insurance scheme, an extension of the ban on commercial evictions alongside a moratorium on landlords' right to collect commercial rent to allow a fair arbitration process to be secured, and consideration to be given to writing of Covid loans for businesses worst affected and for the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme to be fixed so those groups excluded to date can access support equivalent to that provided through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

205 Cabinet Office clearing house and Freedom of Information

Tabled: 15/06/21 Signatories: 31

Navendu Mishra
Grahame Morris
Daisy Cooper
Caroline Lucas
Chris Stephens
Liz Saville Roberts

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House believes that the Freedom of Information Act (2000) is a landmark piece of legislation which, when properly applied, helps to achieve democratic, public accountability and transparency across government; regrets that, too often, legitimate applications from the public are frustrated, delayed or illegitimately denied; notes that a key principle of the legislation is that requests should be treated in a "applicant-blind" process; further notes with concern indications that the Cabinet Office has been operating a secretive Clearing House, logging and scrutinising the identities of applicants, and withholding information to individuals based on their work as journalists; notes that the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office went on public record to call such reports "ridiculous and tendentious"; recognises that in a recent Informational Tribunal ruling, the judge found that arguments presented in court by the Cabinet Office about the controversial Clearing House unit were 'misleading' and that there is a "profound lack of transparency about the operation", which might "extend to ministers"; welcomes the vital investigations being held by the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Select Committee into these matters, and joins Open Democracy and the National Union of Journalists in calling on the Committee to investigate whether any breach of the Ministerial Code has been committed; and urges that all necessary steps are taken to ensure that Freedom of Information legislation is properly applied and enforced.

211 University of Edinburgh's Community Grants Scheme award for The Ridge, Dunbar

Tabled: 16/06/21 Signatories: 4

Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon
Carol Monaghan
Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates The Ridge, based in Dunbar, on its award from the University of Edinburgh's Community Grants Scheme; notes that the award was made for the Sunny's Kitchen project, which provides a three course meal to the local community, using food diverted from landfill and produce from the community garden; welcomes the funding of £5000 from the University, and applauds the excellent work of The Ridge in fostering a holistic and whole-community approach to linking people, places, heritage, food and opportunities.

214 Retirement of East Lothian teacher Sheila Laing after 45 years' service

Tabled: 17/06/21 Signatories: 5

Kenny MacAskill
Carol Monaghan
Margaret Ferrier
Anum Qaisar-Javed
Neale Hanvey

That this House applauds the dedicated work of East Lothian's first virtual headteacher Sheila Laing, who is retiring after 45 years as a teacher; pays tribute to her outstanding supportive and innovative work with care experienced young people; acknowledges the recent challenging time for teachers and their incredible hard work in continuing to provide excellent education and experiences for all of East Lothian pupils throughout the covid-19 outbreak; notes in particular Sheila's commitment to listen and discover what is important to care experienced children and help them find ways to achieve their ambitions; and wishes Sheila a long and happy retirement.

220 Meeting between parliamentarians and Julian Assange

Tabled: 21/06/21 Signatories: 18

Richard Burgon
Mr David Davis
Ms Diane Abbott
Caroline Lucas
Tommy Sheppard
John McDonnell

Joanna Cherry

Martyn Day

That this House expresses its concern at the refusal of the UK Government and prison authorities to allow an online video meeting between Julian Assange and a cross-party group of British parliamentarians; notes that the request was first made in December 2020 in a letter signed by 17 British parliamentarians from four parties; believes parliamentarians must be allowed to discuss important issues relating to press freedoms and the UK-US Extradition Treaty with interested parties; and calls on the Government to facilitate this meeting between Julian Assange and a cross-party group of parliamentarians.

221 Heavy Goods Vehicle Driver Shortages

Tabled: 21/06/21 Signatories: 6

Jonathan Edwards
Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon
Mohammad Yasin
Margaret Ferrier
Ian Mearns

That this House notes with concern that the transport industry currently estimates the labour shortages of Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) drivers to be between 60,000 and 76,000; recognises that whilst shortages are a longstanding issue, a combination of factors have exacerbated the situation and led to the current crisis point; these factors include the increasing number of retiring drivers, restrictions to vocational driving tests during the pandemic impacting the industry's ability to train and recruit new drivers, and the loss of EU drivers due to uncertainty over their future rights to live and work in the UK; is concerned that haulage businesses have thousands of HGVs parked up because there are no drivers to drive them and that statistics released by the Road Haulage

Association show that, as a result, lead times for deliveries have extended from an average of 24 hours to more than 80 hours; is further concerned about the knock on impact on supply chains; and calls on the UK Government to urgently add HGV drivers to the Shortage Occupation List.

222 Anti-Asian hate crime

Tabled: 21/06/21 Signatories: 15

Deidre Brock
Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon
Navendu Mishra

Kirsty Blackman

Pete Wishart

Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates the British Born Young Talent Association (BBYTA) on holding its recent seminar on Conversations on Anti-Asian Hate; notes from the seminar that many of our Asian communities, in the wake of covid-19, have experienced an increase in hate crime; appreciates BBTYA raising awareness of such an important matter; condemns racism; and encourages people to report such incidents to the police.

223 Apple Daily and freedom of speech in Hong Kong

Tabled: 21/06/21 Signatories: 11

Andrew Rosindell
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Jim Shannon
Margaret Ferrier
Wera Hobhouse
Martin Docherty-Hughes

Marion Fellows

That this House notes its concern over the recent arrests of a further five employees of Hong Kong newspaper Apple Daily on the suspicion of national security violations; recognises the importance of a free, open and robust media for holding the powerful to account and is concerned that these arrests mean that such a media no longer exists in Hong Kong; condemns the Hong Kong authorities for using the national security law to target Hongkongers who support democracy and human rights; welcomes those Hongkongers who have arrived in the UK to make a new life for themselves and to escape the brutality of the Chinese Communist Party; and commends the bravery and resilience of those Hongkongers who continue to fight for the freedom of their homeland.

224 Independent Bookshop Week 2021Tabled: **21/06/21** Signatories: **9**

Sarah Olney
Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon
Margaret Ferrier
Navendu Mishra
Paula Barker

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House celebrates Independent Bookshop Week 2021, which takes place from 19 to 26 June; notes the role of independent bookshops in sustaining and cultivating reading habits and enhancing literary skills; further notes the financial contribution that independent bookshops make to the UK's creative economy, and acknowledges the flexible and well-paid jobs they deliver; recognises that bricks-and-mortar booksellers are responsible for the discovery of some 21 per cent of all consumer book purchases and promote a diverse and robust publishing industry by supporting new writers and less well-known books; highlights the role that independent bookshops play in providing a safe community-filled space; believes independent bookshops generate footfall on our high streets by bringing people together through book clubs, book signings and other events; laments the danger that large online retailers pose to independent bookshops; and calls on the Government to urgently recognise the social value and cultural importance of independent bookshops.

225 EU Settlement SchemeTabled: **21/06/21** Signatories: **12**

Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake
Hywel Williams
Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon
Mohammad Yasin

Pete Wishart

Jeremy Corbyn

Neale Hanvey

That this House is concerned that many resident EU citizens may lose their rights to live and work in the UK following the 30 June 2021 deadline of the EU Settlement Scheme; notes that over 5 million applications have been made to the Scheme, over 90,000 coming from people in Wales; further notes that as the Government does not know the precise numbers of eligible people, it is not possible to know how many have not yet registered; acknowledges the barriers that some EU citizens and non-EU family members face in obtaining settled status, including a lack of awareness or understanding, misconceptions regarding the application process, difficulties evidencing residency or identity and confusion around deadlines; recognises that eligible applicants may lose their rights if their case is unresolved beyond 30 June 2021 and that this will likely impact upon vulnerable applicants with complicated cases; and calls on the Government to extend the application deadline beyond 30 June 2021, ensuring that nobody loses their current rights and fulfilling its commitment to fair treatment for all resident EU nationals in the UK as outlined in the EU (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020.

227 Alternative student financeTabled: **21/06/21** Signatories: **10**

Stephen Timms
Alison Thewliss
Caroline Lucas
Mohammad Yasin
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards

Paula Barker

Ian Mearns

That this House notes that a significant number of Muslim young people do not take up a university place because the only student finance available involves payment of interest; notes that former Prime Minister David Cameron pledged in October 2013 at the World Islamic Economic Forum in London that the UK would introduce alternative student finance so that never again should a Muslim in Britain feel unable to go to university because they cannot get a loan simply because of their religion; further notes that in 2014, the Government announced following a consultation that it would provide Alternative Student Finance based on the takaful model; regrets that this commitment has still not been delivered; and calls on the Government to reaffirm its commitment to providing alternative student finance, and to announce a clear timetable for delivering it in time for the 2022-3 academic year.

231 Rise of anti-Indian racismTabled: **22/06/21** Signatories: **18**

Navendu Mishra
Kim Johnson
Barry Gardiner
Mr Virendra Sharma
Paula Barker
Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Ian Mearns

Claudia Webbe

Kate Osborne

That this House welcomes the contributions of Indians to British society; condemns the racism they face on a daily basis; calls on key institutions to urgently address this type of prejudice; recognises the 1.3 million Indians who fought for Britain during WWI and have contributed greatly to all levels of society over the past century; pays tribute to the thousands of British Indians who work in the NHS and have served the nation tirelessly throughout the covid-19 outbreak; acknowledges research by The 1928 Institute which revealed that 80 per cent of British Indians have faced prejudice because of their Indian identity, with Hinduphobia the most prevalent; abhors the use of dog whistle language including the widespread use of phrases, such as Indian variant, which proliferates anti-Indian racism on social media and in wider society; and calls on the Government to take steps to urgently address this worrying rise.

232 Leisure centre closuresTabled: **22/06/21** Signatories: **10**

Apsana Begum
John McDonnell
Wera Hobhouse
Caroline Lucas
Jeremy Corbyn
Ian Byrne

Dan Carden

Ian Mearns

That this House notes that recent research indicates a third of local authority owned leisure centres in England are facing closure and that, in Tower Hamlets, St George's Leisure Centre is facing possible permanent closure; believes that the disproportionate impact of the covid-19 outbreak on the most deprived communities highlights the importance of tackling health inequalities and that there are stark inequalities in exercise between people in deprived areas and the rest of the country; further believes that access to local swimming facilities can dramatically improve both physical health and mental wellbeing; and that privatisation of leisure facilities has led to the prioritisation of profit over the value they bring to communities; calls for the Government to make additional funding available to local authorities to keep leisure centres open; and for an end to privatisation in the provision of public leisure facilities.

233 Use of restraints on children and young peopleTabled: **22/06/21** Signatories: **10**

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Jim Shannon
Kenny MacAskill
Ian Lavery
Navendu Mishra
Claudia Webbe

Paula Barker
 Jeremy Corbyn

Ian Mearns

Kim Johnson

That this House believes that no child or young person who has not committed nor been suspected of committing a crime be placed in handcuffs or subject to similar forms of restraint; notes with concern the prevalence of handcuffs being used against vulnerable children in the UK's care system by independent providers of secure transportation; understands that there is currently no legal obligation for these providers to report the use of handcuffs to the appropriate authorities and that this prevents an empirical understanding of how often and why handcuffs are being used; recognises the negative impact of such practices on a child's physical and mental health and wellbeing; believes that further action to protect the health and wellbeing of these vulnerable children is needed through early intervention such as mentoring; and calls on the Government to implement the recommendations of the Hope instead of Handcuffs campaign to ban the handcuffing of innocent children and young people in the UK's care system unless there is a considerable risk of the child harming themselves or others and mandate that all organisations involved in the secure transportation of children be legally obliged to report any instances of the handcuffing of these children.

234 Anniversary of Kilcreggan Primary School

Tabled: 22/06/21 Signatories: 6

Brendan O'Hara
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates Kilcreggan Primary school on the 50th anniversary of the opening of the current school by the former Argyll and Bute Provost, Billy Petrie in 1971; commends Head Teacher Frances Bretman and staff in providing a positive learning environment for the children to grow and develop into confident and happy young people and being located in the beautiful Rosneath Peninsula, offers a unique outdoor education and experience within the Scottish Curriculum for Excellence; notes that the pupils celebrated the anniversary by researching the school's 150 year history and by speaking to past pupils and staff, were able to gain a real insight into school life in the last fifty years; hopes that, when the restrictions due to Covid-19 are lifted, the school will be able to celebrate their anniversary with the community in which they play an important part; and thanks staff for their continued dedication and commitment and wishes all those involved in Kilcreggan Primary school every success in the future.

235 Armed Forces Day 2021

Tabled: 22/06/21 Signatories: 50

Carol Monaghan
Jim Shannon
Andrew Gwynne
Chris Stephens
Navendu Mishra
Paula Barker

Allan Dorans
Mhairi Black
Deidre Brock
Dr Lisa Cameron
Ronnie Cowan
Martin Docherty-Hughes
Stephen Flynn
Peter Grant
Chris Law
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
John McNally
Brendan O'Hara
Tommy Sheppard
Owen Thompson
Pete Wishart

Kirsty Blackman
Ian Blackford
Alan Brown
Douglas Chapman
Angela Crawley
Dave Doogan
Patricia Gibson
Drew Hendry
David Linden
Stuart C McDonald
Gavin Newlands
Kirsten Oswald
Alyn Smith
Richard Thomson
Neale Hanvey

Hannah Bardell
Steven Bonnar
Amy Callaghan
Joanna Cherry
Martyn Day
Marion Fellows
Patrick Grady
Stewart Hosie
Angus Brendan MacNeil
Anne McLaughlin
John Nicolson
Anum Qaisar-Javed
Alison Thewliss
Dr Philippa Whitford

That this House notes that Armed Forces Day 2021 takes place on 26th June; welcomes this recognition and appreciation of both current and former service personnel; applauds and sincerely thanks Armed Forces personnel and veterans for their outstanding public service and personal sacrifice throughout their military careers; welcomes a national day to recognise and reflect upon the hard work, commitment, and diligence of military personnel; notes that this year's Armed Forces Day celebrations will be scaled down as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; encourages Parliamentarians and members of the public to reflect on the dedication of Armed Forces personnel and veterans whilst adhering to COVID-19 safety restrictions; calls on everyone to #SaluteOurForces

on this day of reflection and appreciation; and calls on the UK Government to ensure fair and compassionate treatment and conditions for servicepeople and veterans of the Armed Forces.

236 **GKN Automotive alternative plan**

Tabled: **22/06/21** Signatories: **57**

Jack Dromey
Grahame Morris
Rachel Hopkins
Kate Osborne
Preet Kaur Gill
Zarah Sultana

Stephen Timms

That this House is alarmed by GKN Automotive's decision to close its Birmingham factory next year, with the loss of over 500 highly skilled jobs and work transferred to continental Europe; notes that GKN's origins trace back to the industrial revolution, with over 260 years of history that include making cannonballs for the Battle of Waterloo and parts for Spitfires in the Battle of Britain; further notes that GKN was subject to a hostile takeover in 2018 by venture capitalists Melrose Industries with promises made to rebuild the company into a British manufacturing powerhouse; is disappointed that GKN has rejected Unite the union's alternative business plan to save the factory, which is a major supplier to car plants across the West Midlands; believes that, with the sale of petrol and diesel vehicles ending in 2030, there is an urgent need to develop domestic infrastructure for producing electric vehicles; further believes that the factory can play a key role in the transition to electric vehicles by producing vital components such as the e-Drive axle, an existing GKN technology; welcomes assurances from Ministers that they are committed to doing what they can to save these high-skilled jobs, which could involve investment in capital equipment or skills to stoke the plant's competitiveness (Official Report, 28 April 2021, Cols 127WH 128WH); and calls on GKN to work with the Government and Unite to secure a viable future for the factory, and on the Government to provide whatever support is needed to achieve this.

237 **International Women in Engineering Day**

Tabled: **23/06/21** Signatories: **3**

Jim Shannon
Paula Barker
Sir Mike Penning

That this House highlights International Women in Engineering Day (IWED) being celebrated on 23 June 2021; further notes the aims of IWED to support women to achieve their potential as engineers, applied scientists and leaders and to reward excellence, to encourage and promote the education, study and application of engineering and to work with organizations and influencers to promote gender diversity and equality in the workplace and sustain the historic legacy and future effectiveness of the Women's Engineering Society; and encourages schools, technical colleges and universities to engage in the promotion of International Women in Engineering Day and highlight the job opportunities and potential that exist in the sector.

238 World Continence WeekTabled: **23/06/21** Signatories: **2****Jim Shannon**
Paula Barker

That this House recognises World Continence Week, from 21 to 27 June 2021, which aims to raise awareness of incontinence related issues; observes the devastating impact that incontinence can have on quality of life; further notes that an estimated 6 million people in the UK, on average over 9,000 in each parliamentary constituency, are affected by continence problems with many relying on urology appliances every day allowing them independence and avoiding repeated medical consultation; regrets that urinary tract infections remain one of the most frequent causes of unplanned hospital admissions requiring the commitment of major NHS resources; further notes that NICE considers intermittent self-catheterisation with single use catheters as the gold standard in urine drainage and for reducing the risk of infection; acknowledges the extent to which suppliers of continence products ensured continued supply to patients throughout the pandemic; and encourages the Government to ensure that urinary device development and innovation continue to be encouraged to improve patients' quality of life and longevity, whilst further boosting the success of the important medical technology sector and its contribution to the economy.

239 Local government workers pay riseTabled: **23/06/21** Signatories: **20****Navendu Mishra**
Grahame Morris
Kate Osborne
Claudia Webbe
Paula Barker
Ian Mearns**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**
Jon Trickett**Jim Shannon****Dan Carden**

That this House is appalled by the 1.5 per cent pay increase offered to local government workers, which amounts to as little as £1.03 per day for some workers and is in real terms a pay cut; applauds the incredible effort those workers have made during the covid-19 pandemic, continuing to deliver frontline services and to keep their communities running while many other workplaces have shut down; notes that those workers have already faced 10 years' worth of real-terms pay cuts and increased workloads as a result of the Government's policies of austerity; insists that the joint trade union claim for a 10 per cent pay rise for local government workers is justified and necessary; and calls on the Local Government Association and local government employers to negotiate in good faith with the joint trade unions to give local government workers the pay rise they deserve.

240 Legacy of David R. Edwards (Dave Datblygu)Tabled: **23/06/21** Signatories: **6****Ben Lake**
Liz Saville Roberts
Hywel Williams
Jim Shannon
Pete Wishart
Marion Fellows

That this House mourns the passing of David R. Edwards (Dave Datblygu), musician, poet and frontman of legendary Welsh band Datblygu at 56 years old in his home in Carmarthen; celebrates

the legacy of Mr Edwards, originally from Cardigan, whose radically original music and lyrics including on albums such as Wyau, Pyst and Libertino, paved the way for a whole generation of Welsh alternative musicians; notes that through their music and art, Datblygu, who formed in 1982 and released their most recent album in August 2020, have been especially influential in shaping the diverse and vibrant culture we enjoy in Wales today; and sends its condolences to his family and friends as they come to terms with the sad news of his passing.

241 General Practice Data for Planning Research

Tabled: 23/06/21 Signatories: 20

Dawn Butler
John McDonnell
Clive Lewis
Mr David Davis
Navendu Mishra
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Kate Osborne
 Grahame Morris
 Paula Barker
 Jon Trickett
 Jeremy Corbyn

Claudia Webbe
 Apsana Begum
 Ian Mearns
 Kim Johnson
 Tony Lloyd

Caroline Lucas
 Jim Shannon
 Clive Efford
 Mick Whitley

That this House is concerned with the current plans for the General Practice Data for Planning Research, while although noting the importance of data for legitimate research believes that it puts patient data and medical histories at serious risk of abuse; believes that the plans will potentially discourage sick patients from seeking support from their GP as the trust between patient and GP confidentiality may be undermined; further believes that the Government's plan is putting undue pressure on already stretched GP practices; believes the current awareness of the plan by the general public is low and bureaucratic opt-out process is designed to dissuade patients; recognises the relationship between GPs and their patients and that general practices have an important role in trust within the healthcare system; and calls on the Government to stop the plan immediately, protect trust in General Practice, protect patient confidentiality for the long term, and embark on a data protection impact assessment.

242 John Frace, Dunoon and Scotland's award for covid-19 tracker website

Tabled: 23/06/21 Signatories: 6

Brendan O'Hara
Jim Shannon
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That this House congratulates Dunoon resident John Frace on being awarded outstanding contribution from a university student in the Herald Higher Education Awards 2021 for his work in establishing the Scottish and UK covid-19 tracking website; commends the remarkable work of John, a student at the University of the Highlands and Islands in collating data and statistics on coronavirus cases, including the tracking of the vaccination programme; acknowledges the contribution of the website in distributing and sharing information about the pandemic, which has led to the website receiving acclaim from both scientific experts and the wider public; acknowledges that to date the website has attracted almost 15 million views, with more than 1,000 people logging on every day to see the updates; applauds John's dedication to the tracking website, which he has

continued to run alongside his university studies; thanks John for his commitment to providing up-to-date data and analysis on the pandemic and the recovery; and wishes John every success in his future studies.

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That this House supports Learning Disability Awareness Week which took place from 14 to 20 June 2021; notes that the Week's theme was Art and Creativity; highlights that for many people with a learning disability and their families creativity has been a way to remain connected and positive throughout the challenges of the covid-19 outbreak; recognises that for those with learning disabilities being creative through activities such as art and performing art can help with self-expression and self-confidence and improve mental health; and congratulates Mencap on their vital work delivering Learning Disability Awareness Week through arts and craft, symbolised recipes and video series and for their continued support for those with learning disabilities, their families and carers.