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New EDMs

379 Kilbirnie's St Bridget's Primary School named Scotland's top primary school

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 1

Patricia Gibson

That this House congratulates St Bridget's Primary School in Kilbirnie, North Ayrshire, on being named Scotland's top primary school in The Times primary school league table, achieving 380 out of 400 points despite 93 per cent of its pupils living in Scotland's most deprived areas and around half of its pupils having additional support needs; recognises that that achievement is a testament to the dedication of head teacher, Dennis Hopkins, and his teaching and support staff at St Bridget's Primary School who have worked with pupils and parents to achieve the best potential outcomes for their pupils; notes that that league table outcome illustrates that the Scottish Government's ongoing efforts have helped to narrow the attainment gap for North Ayrshire pupils; acknowledges that St Bridget's Primary School is one of four primary schools in Cunninghame North in Scotland's top 50 primary schools, with Dykesmains Primary School in Saltcoats, Beith Primary School and St Mary's Primary School in Largs occupying the 8th, 10th, and 17th position in The Times primary school league table respectively; and wishes all schools and pupils every success in their ongoing efforts to further narrow the education attainment gap across North Ayrshire and Scotland.

380 Friends of Heaton Chapel Station, Stockport

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 3

Navendu Mishra
Ian Mearns
Grahame Morris

That this House applauds the work of the Friends of Heaton Chapel Station in Stockport, whose volunteers have worked tirelessly to promote and improve the railway station and its surroundings since 2011; recognises the significance of such volunteer groups and the important role they perform in community life; acknowledges the recent 10-year anniversary of the Friends

of Heaton Chapel Station, which was marked by the unveiling of a plaque recognising their efforts; congratulates them on winning a 2020 Best Kept Cheshire Station Award; praises their continued efforts to maintain and upkeep one of Stockport borough's historic landmarks; pays tribute to Friends of Heaton Chapel Station's chairman Phil Rowbotham for organising and leading the volunteer effort; commends the sponsors for providing vital funds to enable such work to take place; calls on Network Rail to deliver much-needed and long-overdue disabled access improvements, including two lifts to platform level; and looks forward to many more successful years of the Friends group and the ongoing improvements to the station which enhance the experience of all rail users.

381 Transparency in the Apprenticeship Levy funding

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 1

Emma Hardy

That this House is concerned by the lack of transparency in funding that is used from the Apprenticeship Levy; believes that information about the spending of this money should be publicly available, and accessible to view broken down by sector and types of employer; acknowledges the complications for many organisations in understanding where and how the funding they have paid into the levy is used on expiry; recognises that the Department for Education needs to regularly publish spend from the Levy and track how any underspend is used or diverted to the Treasury; calls on the Government to ensure that full details of the apprenticeship levy spend and any surplus is published on a monthly basis by the Department.

382 Deregulated bus transport

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 1

Grahame Morris

That this House is concerned with the adequacy of deregulated bus services in England outside London; notes the near unanimous consensus that the current system is not delivering for passengers and the multitude of reports finding as such; further notes that in England alone, average fares have increased 403 percent since deregulation, ridership has fallen almost 40 percent, and some 3,000 routes have been cut; acknowledges the many complaints from passengers concerning poor reliability and fragmented service; further acknowledges the harms caused by the breakdown of bus services, including on access to work, healthcare, and community; recognises that buses provide an essential service and account for some 4 billion journeys per year; further recognises that attractive and convenient local bus services are important to meeting the Government's climate goals; believes that structural changes are necessary for improving local bus services; and calls on the Government to ease the process for local authorities to franchise bus services, repeal the ban on municipal bus services, support local authorities making use of these options, and adopt a minimum service frequencies standard that all people can rely on.

383 The Ministerial Code and the conduct of the Prime Minister

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 1

Dawn Butler

That this House believes that trust in the ministerial code has been eroded by the actions of the Prime Minister; further believes that the Prime Minister should no longer be the guardian of the code as he has been shown to lack the moral aptitude needed; and therefore calls for steps to be

taken to make the House of Commons responsible for deciding whether alleged breaches should be investigated and determining whether Ministers have breached the code.

384 Jessop Jewellers celebrating 50 Years in business

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 1

Peter Grant

That this House congratulates the owners and staff of Jessop Jewellers based in the Kingdom Centre, Glenrothes, on their 50th year in business; notes that George Jessop opened his original shop in Glenrothes in 1969 and was joined by his son Paul shortly afterwards to move to their current premises; notes that this makes Jessops one of the longest continuously present businesses in the Kingdom Centre; recognises the exceptional hard work of the Jessop family and their fantastic staff in providing top quality products and service to the people of Glenrothes and further afield over the course of so many years; highlights that Jessop Jewellers has established itself as one of Scotland's leading independent jewellers with UK Retail Jeweller of the Year nominations and prestigious brands including Rolex, Cartier, Omega and Tag as well as providing their own bespoke items; and wishes Sophie Jessop and her team all the best in continuing to grow and carry on the family business for the next 50 years and beyond.

385 LoveOliver reaches £1 million milestone and Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 1

Peter Grant

That this House congratulates LoveOliver on reaching the magnificent milestone of raising £1 million in their first 10 years as a registered charity and in time for September's Childhood Cancer Awareness Month; thanks Jennifer and Andy Gill for their hard work and dedication in making positive change out of one of the most difficult experiences a parent can face; recognises the vital role played by the many volunteers over the years who have played a part in donating, fundraising or supporting events and in opening and running their new charity shop in the Kingdom Centre, Glenrothes; notes some of the important projects that are able to happen because of the money raised including providing parents and families with practical support during cancer treatment, allowing part-funding for 2 four year PhD studentships at Newcastle University and not least raising awareness of childhood cancer; wishes LoveOliver all the best in raising their next £1 million; and finally remembers Oliver, whose tragic and untimely death brought about such a positive response which has gone on to benefit the lives of so many children and their families who are going through the hardships caused by childhood cancer.

386 World Suicide Prevention Day

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 1

Patricia Gibson

That this House recognises that suicide is among the top 20 leading causes of death globally for people of all ages and that, according to the World Health Organisation, an estimated 703,000 people die by suicide worldwide each year; acknowledges the impact of the covid-19 pandemic on mental health and the provision of in-person mental health support across the UK; pays tribute to the efforts of those working in mental health services, including in NHS 24, who have been doing an incredible job in very difficult circumstances; supports the aims of the International Association

for Suicide Prevention in raising awareness and reducing stigma and encouraging meaningful and safe conversations around suicide through its World Suicide Prevention Day themes; commends this year's theme of creating hope through action, as a reminder that there is an alternative to suicide and that, through action, everyone can make a difference to someone in their darkest moments; and resolves to take every opportunity to support people experiencing a suicidal crisis and those who have lost a loved one to suicide.

387 Communication of changes to the state pension age for 1950s-born women

Tabled: **6/09/21** Signatories: **1**

Andrew Gwynne

That this House notes the recent findings of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's report entitled Women's State Pension Age: our findings on the Department for Work and Pensions' communication of changes; urges the Government to recognise the negative effects of successive DWP maladministration; calls for compensation for 1950s-born women; notes the profound mental, physical and economic pressure placed on 1950s-born women due to poor communication from the DWP; recognises that the issue of State Pension Inequality for Women is not party-political; calls on colleagues from across the political spectrum to work together to find a solution; commends the exceptional campaigning being done by 1950s-born women; calls on the Government to meet with campaigning groups and the APPG on State Pension Inequality for Women to help develop a fair and fast resolution to this problem; expresses dismay at the fact that no DWP Ministers came to the House to address the PHSO findings prior to the summer recess; calls on the Secretary of State to update the House as soon as possible on what steps she will be taking to compensate 1950s-born women.

388 East Lothian residents Maria Lyle and Micky Yule win bronze medals at Tokyo Paralympics

Tabled: **6/09/21** Signatories: **1**

Kenny MacAskill

That this House applauds the outstanding achievements of East Lothian residents, Maria Lyle and Micky Yule following their bronze medal wins at the Tokyo Paralympics. Maria who has spastic diplegic cerebral palsy, won the first British medal of the competition, securing bronze in the T35 100m sprint, going on to win a second bronze in the T35 200m sprint. Micky, who lost both his legs after stepping on an explosive device while serving in the military in Afghanistan, won bronze medal, lifting 182kgs in the power lifting competition; acknowledges the incredible hard work and remarkable dedication given by both athletes to reach the pinnacle of their sports; commends the enormous commitment and time given to their training while also managing unique personal physical challenges; wholeheartedly congratulates Maria and Micky and wishes them many more years of representing their sport at world class level.

389 Loanhead Children's Gala Day 2021

Tabled: **6/09/21** Signatories: **1**

Owen Thompson

That the House congratulates the organisers, volunteers and participants in Loanhead Children's Gala Day 2021 for an inspiring and successful day; thanks the Gala committee for their gargantuan efforts to ensure Midlothian's oldest and largest festival could return this year while adhering to covid-19 safety guidelines; congratulates the Gala Queen Elizabeth Paris, Herald Murray Simpson

and all the children of the 2021 Gala Day Court who did the county proud and looks forward to continued success next year for this uplifting community event.

390 Easthouses Miners Charitable Society funding from the National Lottery

Tabled: **6/09/21** Signatories: **1**

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates the Easthouses Miners Charitable Society on its award of £9,800 from the National Lottery Awards for All Scotland fund; notes that the group plays an important role in the heart of the community and will use the funding to enable much needed renovation work for the kitchen in their hall; and welcomes this round of National Lottery community funding which helps smaller Scottish charities and community groups to adapt and recover from the impact of covid-19.

391 Penicuik Community Sports and Leisure Foundation National Lottery funding

Tabled: **6/09/21** Signatories: **1**

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates the Penicuik Community Sports and Leisure Foundation for its award of £10,000 from the National Lottery Awards for All Scotland fund; welcomes the group's planned use of the fund for weekly parent and baby/toddler sessions; and notes the foundation provides opportunities for wider participation in sporting and physical pursuits along with informal education including dietary education, benefitting health, welfare, and social well-being across the community.

392 Tokyo Paralympic success for swimmer Scott Quin

Tabled: **6/09/21** Signatories: **1**

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates para-swimmer Scott Quin on his bronze medal after a brilliant race in the SB14 100m breaststroke at the Tokyo Paralympics; notes the result was all the more remarkable given Scott had just returned to the pool shortly before the final following a period of covid-19 related self-isolation; recognises that Scott was diagnosed with Crouzon syndrome at birth with a three per cent chance of survival and has gone on to become an elite para-sport swimmer winning medals at Paralympic, World and European level; congratulates Scott's coaches and support team, Scottish Swimming and everyone in the ParalympicsGB team for their hard work and dedication which inspires a new generation to pursue their dreams; and wishes Scott continued success in his sporting career.

393 Foreign Secretary's handling of the UK's withdrawal from Afghanistan

Tabled: **6/09/21** Signatories: **1**

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House censures the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, for his handling of the UK's withdrawal from Afghanistan, which has put the lives of Afghan interpreters in grave danger; and believes that if the Prime Minister is not prepared to dismiss him,

the Secretary of State's Ministerial salary should be removed for the rest of this Parliament as a result of this dereliction of duty.

394 Drug strategy

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 1

Grahame Morris

That this House notes that ONS data released on 3 August 2021 revealed a record number of drug-related deaths in 2020, with 4,561 deaths in England and Wales and 1,339 deaths in Scotland, higher than any other European country; further notes that almost half of homicides and half of acquisitive crimes are drug-related; is appalled that all but 10 local authority drug and alcohol treatment services in England have experienced a real-terms budget reduction, with four seeing reductions of more than 40 per cent; welcomes the Government's commitment to working closely with the devolved Administrations to develop effective drug policies; further welcomes the appointment of Professor Dame Carol Black as ongoing independent advisor on drugs; and reaffirms the urgent need for Government to fulfil the recommendations of Carol Black's Review of Drugs.

395 Tour de Forth charity cycling event

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 1

Douglas Chapman

That this House congratulates the team who organised this year's Tour de Forth, a charity cycling event which raised £50,000 for Radio Forth's Cash for Kids; and thanks those who took part as participants or made donations to the Cash for Kids charity which helps and supports individuals, families and support groups to improve the quality of lives of many young people around the Forth and across Scotland.

396 Ireland's Presidency of the UN Security Council

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 1

Douglas Chapman

That this House welcomes the appointment of the Republic of Ireland to the Presidency of the UN Security Council; applauds its international diplomatic ambitions as a small, independent European country; and further welcomes the issues being brought forward and discussed during its Presidency including the current crisis in Afghanistan, as well as reports on Syria, Libya, Yemen and Sudan and the Security Council's receipt of briefings on issues such as nuclear weapons, peacekeeping operations and climate change.

397 Remembering the Featherstone Massacre 1893

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 1

Jon Trickett

That this House remembers the atrocities which took place in Featherstone, West Yorkshire on 7 September 1893; pays tribute to the six people injured and two killed, named James Gibb, 22, and James Duggan, 25, after the army was ordered to fire shots into a crowd of miners and their families, who were fighting against a 25 per cent reduction in pay which would have plunged so many into poverty, whilst the coal owners tried to increase profits; highlights the struggles of

workers in the UK today who are facing an assault on their pay, terms and conditions by employers attempting to fire and rehire their staff on more exploitative contracts; believes the historic struggle for workers' rights and fair pay is part of the rich tapestry of British working class history; and seeks to continue to learn the lessons of imposing poverty pay, unfair working conditions and even violence on working communities.

398 Midlothian's Radhuni restaurant honoured as local champions

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson

That this House warmly congratulates Habibur Khan and the team behind Midlothian's award-winning Indian-Bangladeshi restaurant The Radhuni which has been honoured with a new Walkers crisp flavour inspired by their cuisine; notes this accolade recognises their outstanding work as local champions supporting the community during the pandemic; thanks the staff teams at both Radhuni and sister restaurant Itihaas for their heroic efforts during the covid-19 crisis, raising money for charities and delivering thousands of free meals to keyworkers; and wishes them every success in the future.

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.

301 Human rights situation in Egypt

Tabled: 12/07/21 Signatories: 14

Margaret Ferrier
Hywel Williams
Kenny MacAskill
Jonathan Edwards
John McDonnell
Jim Shannon

Patricia Gibson

That this House is deeply concerned about continuing serious human rights violations in Egypt, including reports of systematic torture, enforced disappearances, unfair trials and the blatant misuse of counter-terrorism and national security legislation, following the military overthrow of the Morsi Government in July 2013; notes with profound regret that according to Amnesty International, Egypt has become among the top three countries in numbers of executions and death sentences globally, and at least 51 men and women were executed in that country in the first half of 2021, with more executions pending; further notes with alarm the relentless persecution, abuse and false criminalisation of lawyers, journalists, academics, politicians and civil society representatives, and their family members, in an attempt to silence legitimate dissent in Egypt; highlights the arbitrary detention in often harsh conditions of lawyer Mohamed El-Baqer, activist Alaa Abdel Fattah, video reporter Mohamed Ibrahim Radwan, blogger Esraa Abdel Fattah, activist Sanaa Seif, researcher Patrick Zaki, student Ahmed Samir Santawy, and defender of the Coptic Christian minority, Ramy Kamel, who are among hundreds the Egyptian authorities should release immediately and unconditionally; and calls on the Government, further to the joint statement on Egypt co-sponsored in March 2021 at the UN Human Rights Council, to suspend arms exports to and preferential trading arrangements for that country until a moratorium on the death penalty is imposed and prisoners of

conscience released, and to apply punitive measures on Egyptian individuals and entities responsible for such gross abuses.

305 DVLA and Department for Work and Pensions' help for Personal Independence Payment claimants

Tabled: 12/07/21 Signatories: 11

John Nicolson
John McDonnell
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Sir Peter Bottomley

Patricia Gibson

That this House recognises how difficult, long and arduous form filling can be for people with disabilities, especially when those forms are in hardcopy; and advocates for improved communication between DVLA and the Department for Work and Pensions in order to make the 50 per cent reduction in vehicle tax, for those in receipt of the standard rate mobility component on Personal Independence Payment, an automatic process.

308 Dame Carol Black's independent review of drugs

Tabled: 12/07/21 Signatories: 24

Grahame Morris
Kenny MacAskill
Alison Thewliss
Jonathan Edwards
Crispin Blunt [R]
Tommy Sheppard

Chris Law

That this House thanks Professor Dame Carol Black for her comprehensive Independent Review of Drugs, Part 2 which outlines a clear way forward on drug treatment and recovery to bring hope and real change to the many individuals, families and communities whose lives are blighted by drug addiction and by the criminals who exploit it; welcomes her recommendations to achieve this, presented as concrete proposals deliverable within this Parliament; agrees with her analysis that the current situation is intolerable and that a whole-system approach, with cross-departmental co-ordination and commitment, is required; supports her view that substance misuse disproportionately affects our most deprived communities; acknowledges her call for improved pathways from criminal justice settings and for enabling the diversion of drug users into treatment; recognises that, although Part 1 of her review showed that the societal costs of drug misuse are £20 billion each year, in 2020 to 2021 only £650 million was spent on drug treatment; notes that every £1 currently spent on harm reduction and treatment saves £4 from reduced demands on health and justice; endorses her call for significantly increased investment in drug treatment and wider support; further notes her conclusion that ring-fenced, focused funding for treatment is absolutely necessary; notes that drug deaths are at record levels; and calls on the Government to adopt and implement the Review's recommendations in their entirety.

311 Racism following the Euro 2020 finalTabled: **12/07/21** Signatories: **40**

Mary Kelly Foy
Andrew Gwynne
Jeremy Corbyn
Grahame Morris
Kate Osborne
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

Chris Law

That this House unequivocally condemns the racist abuse aimed at the England men's football team after the UEFA European Championship Final on 11 July 2021; notes that 19 year old Arsenal forward Bukayo Saka was forced to take down his Instagram account as a result of that racist abuse; further notes that the mural of 23 year old Manchester United forward Marcus Rashford in Withington was defaced following that match; further condemns the abuse suffered by fans outside the stadium and the violence that broke out before and after that game; recognises the work of Show Racism the Red Card in its 25th anniversary year and supports its call for the Government to hold social media companies and individuals to account; and calls on the Government to display leadership on that issue and to match its rhetoric with action, to tackle the rising threats of online hate crimes and to acknowledge that some Ministerial statements on the booing of taking the knee are incompatible with eradicating racism from all walks of life.

317 Tactile pavingTabled: **14/07/21** Signatories: **18**

Sarah Olney
Jim Shannon
Jamie Stone
Paula Barker
Layla Moran
Navendu Mishra

John Spellar

That this House acknowledges the Rail Accident Investigation Branch report into the fatality of Cleveland Gervais, a blind passenger fatally struck by a train on 26 February 2020 after falling from platform 1 of Eden Park station; notes that 35 per cent of platforms are seriously dangerous for blind and partially sighted people due to the absence of the vital safety measure of tactile paving and that up to 15 per cent of people falling from platforms are blind or partially sighted; notes the work of Guide Dogs and Royal National Institute of Blind People in raising awareness of the importance of tactile paving; recognises Network Rail's commitment to ensure all train platforms have tactile paving by 2029, but laments that this commitment is far too slow; urges the Government to ensure the 100 per cent provision of tactile paving across all Network Rail stations by 2025 at the very latest; and calls on the Treasury to make the necessary financial provisions available for the installation of tactile paving.

324 Lord Elystan-Morgan

Tabled: 15/07/21 Signatories: 8

Ben Lake
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Martin Docherty-Hughes
Hywel Williams
Chris Stephens

Chris Law

That this House mourns the recent passing of Lord Elystan Morgan who died peacefully at the age of 88; recognises him as a great figure in Welsh politics, and that his tireless campaigning in favour of devolution for several decades helped pave the way to the creation of the Scottish and Welsh parliaments; recognises his lifelong commitment and service to the people of Ceredigion, whom he represented as Member of Parliament between 1966 and 1974 prior to his elevation to the House of Lords in 1981; celebrates his contributions as both a barrister and circuit judge; recalls his capacity for kindness and good humour, even during the most divisive of political debates; remembers him fondly as a man of integrity, who argued his case with an eloquence founded on an unshakeable belief in its merits, and a masterful understanding of the detail; and conveys its deepest condolences to his family and friends in their time of grief.

333 World Hepatitis Day 2021

Tabled: 19/07/21 Signatories: 10

Jim Shannon
Sir Peter Bottomley
Margaret Ferrier
Sir Mike Penning
Jonathan Edwards
Paul Girvan

Chris Law

That this House notes World Hepatitis Day 2021 on the 28 July which aims to raise awareness of those living with Hepatitis, a disease that causes inflammation of the liver, a vital organ that processes nutrients, filters blood and fights infections; further notes the Hepatitis Can't Wait Campaign, which raises awareness on how patients can't wait for Hepatitis testing, life saving treatment, screening and greater investment into research in that area; recognises that there are 400,000 individuals in the UK suffering today from that disease and that there are increasing calls for the Government to allocate additional resources into Hepatitis research and testing.

335 Protecting grasslands at COP26 and beyond

Tabled: 19/07/21 Signatories: 27

Tracey Crouch
Caroline Lucas
Sir Peter Bottomley
Jim Shannon
Ben Lake
Mohammad Yasin

Chris Law

That this House recognises that species-rich grasslands offer ways of reducing the impact of greenhouse gases that cause climate change by reducing flooding risk, locking up pollutants and acting as critical ecosystems for pollinators and supporting sustainable and resilient farming; regrets that in the last 100 years the UK alone has lost 97 per cent of its meadows and other species-rich grasslands leading to bumblebee extinctions and butterfly population declines; welcomes the formation of Grasslands+, a growing coalition that has come together to protect and restore the planet's grasslands, savannahs, plains, heaths, steppes and meadows; urges Government Ministers to use the opportunity of COP26 in Glasgow to seek international recognition and protections for species-rich grasslands, to lead by example in taking action to mitigate the effects of climate change and increase biodiversity and to ensure that those areas of natural beauty are preserved for future generations to enjoy.

337 Spyware and state surveillance of journalists

Tabled: 19/07/21 Signatories: 29

Grahame Morris
Rebecca Long Bailey
Liz Saville Roberts
John McDonnell
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Chris Stephens

Chris Law

That this House is deeply concerned by reports that at least 180 journalists across the world have been spied on using Pegasus software, a tool developed by the Israeli cybersurveillance company NSO and sold to a number of clients, including states across the world; notes that among those who have been the targets of the global spying operations are human rights defenders, political opponents, lawyers, diplomats and heads of state; further notes that the list of the 180 journalists targeted includes reporters from global media platforms, as well as freelance investigators who appear to have been targeted by regimes determined to uncover sources, undermine research, and in some cases, stop their reporting; believes that those revelations of the use of NSO's Pegasus software to spy on journalists shows the profound vulnerability of media freedom and illustrates the serious breach of the public's right to know; and therefore joins the National Union of Journalists in the UK and Ireland and the International Federation of Journalists in utterly condemning all attempts to interfere with journalists' private communications, encouraging journalists to use extra vigilance to protect their data and calling on governments to enshrine in domestic law the inviolability of journalists' communications.

339 Human rights in Western SaharaTabled: **19/07/21** Signatories: **31**

Jeremy Corbyn
Sir Peter Bottomley
Caroline Lucas
Paula Barker
Alan Brown
Navendu Mishra

Chris Law

Patricia Gibson

That this House strongly condemns the attacks on human rights defenders, students, journalists and academics who publicly criticise the Government of Morocco; profoundly regrets the recent violence perpetrated in the most high profile cases including Sultana and Laura Khaya, Babuizid Muhammed, Saaed Labhi, Salek Baber and Khaled Bouvfraya; is alarmed about the incommunicado detention of journalist Mohamed Lamin Haddi; notes with concern the unjustified long term incarceration of Naama Asfari and Khatri Dadda as highlighted recently by the UN Special Rapporteur Mary Lawlor who stated that such violations of international human rights law and standards fly in the face of the Moroccan Government's commitment to the UN system as a whole; and urges the UK Government to press the Moroccan authorities to guarantee in all circumstances that those who work peacefully toward justice for the Saharawi are able to carry out their legitimate human rights activities without fear of reprisals and free of all restrictions including physical abuse and judicial harassment.

341 The Death of Father Stan SwamyTabled: **20/07/21** Signatories: **9**

Neale Hanvey
Brendan O'Hara
Joanna Cherry
John Spellar
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens

Chris Law

That this House notes with sadness and regret the recent passing of Jesuit Priest Father Stan Swamy who died in India at the age of 88 having spent the final nine months of his life in judicial custody; further notes that the anti-terrorism charges on which Father Swamy was arrested created significant international concern; understands that the failure of the Indian Courts to grant bail or provide timely access to medical care may have contributed to Father Swamy's death; recognises Father Swamy's lifelong dedication to humanitarian concerns including the rights and protections of minority groups, social justice, and helping those marginalised and disadvantaged; and sends its condolences to his friends and colleagues in their time of grief, may he rest in peace.

342 Zimbabwe deportation flightTabled: **20/07/21** Signatories: **28**

Navendu Mishra
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Mohammad Yasin
Paula Barker
Rebecca Long Bailey
Mick Whitley

Chris Law

That this House notes the widespread violation of political and human rights in Zimbabwe; further notes the harassment and detention of political opponents and journalists; recognises that the International Trade Union Congress places Zimbabwe in the 10 worst countries for working people; condemns the ongoing suppression of trade unions; is concerned by reports that the Government plans to deport over 50 Zimbabweans in July; calls on the Government to halt those deportation flights; notes the injustice in the deportation process, particularly given the ongoing pandemic; requests that any assessment that has been made of the political situation in Zimbabwe is made public; and calls on the Government to allow an urgent vote in the House on this subject before the summer recess.

343 Aerial glyphosate fumigations in ColombiaTabled: **20/07/21** Signatories: **8**

Tony Lloyd
Paula Barker
Richard Burgon
John McDonnell
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens

Chris Law

That this House is concerned to learn that the Colombian Government plans to restart aerial glyphosate fumigations; notes the WHO's declaration that glyphosate is probably carcinogenic to humans; recalls that in 2015, Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos suspended fumigations in favour of more effective strategies which would cause less harm to the environment and public health; is aware that numerous civil society organisations have been trying to block glyphosate use, a call echoed by seven UN Special Rapporteurs; is equally concerned that restarting fumigation would explicitly violate the 2016 landmark Peace Agreement between the Colombian Government and the Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia-Ejército del Pueblo (FARC-EP); knows that the agreement specifies fumigation as a last resort that should only be used if the Colombian Government unable to strike deals with local people on crop substitution; believes that the crop substitution programme outlined in that Peace Agreement has been successful in destroying 45,000 hectares of illegal crop; regrets that only 7 per cent of families of the substitution programme have been financially compensated; questions whether aerial glyphosate fumigations would make a material difference to the supply of cocaine; and calls on the Government to make representations to the Colombian Government, urging them to reconsider their decision.

344 Poppyscotland Welfare Centre, Kilmarnock

Tabled: 20/07/21 Signatories: 11

Alan Brown
Neale Hanvey
Patrick Grady
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss
Chris Stephens

Chris Law

Patricia Gibson

That this House is disappointed that the Poppyscotland Welfare Centre in Kilmarnock is to close and pays tribute to the vital work undertaken by the staff since the premises opened to the public in 2018; appreciates that covid-19 has had an impact on the centre's ability to operate; further notes the pressure on finances and that the LIBOR funding awarded was only for a three year period, and that the UK Government need to provide more sustainable long term funding for such initiatives; further that this will create another empty unit in Kilmarnock town centre; welcomes that all staff are being retained to continue their valuable support services for veterans; notes that Poppyscotland have highlighted that since 2016 the charity has seen a 20 per cent increase in people needing support with housing, financial issues, mental health and well-being and mobility meaning that easy access to support services is more important than ever; thanks and recognises the vital work that Poppyscotland and the Royal British legion does to support veterans while acknowledging that in an ideal world veterans would not require to rely on such support, and in the meantime hopes that Poppyscotland and the Royal British Legion continue to flourish and once again conveys thanks to the staff who were based at the Kilmarnock Welfare centre and wishes them all the best in their endeavours going forward providing lifeline support services to veterans.

345 Political prisoners in Belarus

Tabled: 20/07/21 Signatories: 10

Tony Lloyd
Layla Moran
Neale Hanvey
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens
Hywel Williams

Chris Law

That this House believes there to be 570 political prisoners in Belarus; notes the credible reports of prisoners facing extreme violence, torture, and sexual assault; welcomes the decision by several honourable Members and Noble Lords to act as godparents to Belarusian political prisoners; is aware that the Noble Lord Foulkes has adopted Stepan Latipov, the honourable Member for Rochdale has adopted Darya Chultsova, the honourable Member for North East Fife has adopted Pavel Drozd, the honourable Member for Blaenau Gwent has adopted Dzianis Zhuk, the honourable Member for Edinburgh West has adopted Andrei Aliaksandrau, the honourable Member for Hornsey and Wood Green has adopted Mark Antonau, the honourable Member for West Lancashire has adopted Aliaksandr Drazdou, the honourable Member for Luton South has adopted Anton Lakishyk, the honourable Member for Kingston and Surbiton has adopted Aliaksei Ramanau, the honourable Member for Gower has adopted Kanstantsin Svidunovich, the Noble Lord Russell has adopted Ruslan Akostka, the Noble Baroness Crawley has adopted Dzmitry Zherbutovich, the Noble Baroness Smith has adopted Ryhor Hunko, the Noble Lord Griffiths has adopted Mikita Zalatarou, the Noble Baroness Massey has adopted Andrei Szauczuk, the Noble Baroness Kennedy has adopted Mikita Yemialyanau; encourages other honourable Members and Noble Lords to adopt Belarusian political prisoners; and calls upon the Lukashenka regime to look again at this

outrageous and outmoded practice in modern-day Europe of holding political prisoners and to release them urgently.

346 Scott Martin's book, Before I Forget

Tabled: **20/07/21** Signatories: **12**

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Brendan O'Hara
Patrick Grady
Neale Hanvey
Amy Callaghan
Owen Thompson

Chris Law

Patricia Gibson

That this House congratulates Scott Martin, who has self-published a book written during covid titled Before I forget; notes that the book is now on its third print run and that Scott has now raised over £7000 for Alzheimer's Scotland; further that sales have come as far afield as Australia and the United States; that Scott chose this charity as a tribute to his mum, Anne Martin who suffers dementia; that the title of the book is a nod to the effects of dementia and has allowed Scott to commit his marathon running efforts to print before he can forget; recognises the volunteering work that Scott has done for his local running club, Kilmarnock Harriers for over 15 years; notes that as a consequence The Harriers paid a surprise tribute to Scott in recognition of his efforts over the years and particularly his fundraising efforts with the book; congratulates Scott on his many achievements at running, including 10km; half marathons, marathons and cross country running; thanks Alzheimer's Scotland and the many volunteers for the work they do to assist people and families affected by dementia; and calls on the Government to make good on their pledges to prioritise funding research into this devastating disease.

347 Mark Cavendish: 34 Tour de France stage wins

Tabled: **20/07/21** Signatories: **8**

Jonathan Edwards
Owen Thompson
Hywel Williams
Jeremy Corbyn
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens

Chris Law

That this House congratulates Mark Cavendish from the Isle of Man on his incredible achievement of winning 34 Tour De France stage victories, equalling the record of the greatest of cyclists Eddie Merckx; notes that Mr Cavendish, nicknamed the Manx Missile, won his first Tour De France stage in 2008; further notes that in this year's Tour De France, Mr Cavendish won four stages and was labelled the greatest sprinter in the history of cycling by Tour de France Director, Christian Prudhomme; recognises that Mr Cavendish has won over 50 Grand Tour stages during his career; commends Mr Cavendish for the manner in which he has bounced back from adversity and for his resilience and enthusiasm for cycling as a sport; and looks forward to seeing Mr Cavendish return to the Tour de France next year to win further stages and become the record holder for stage victories.

348 John Lewis's equal parenthood paid leave policyTabled: **20/07/21** Signatories: **18**

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Neale Hanvey
Jonathan Edwards
Patrick Grady
Amy Callaghan
Navendu Mishra

Chris Law

Patricia Gibson

That this House recognises the bold leadership shown by John Lewis in becoming the first UK retailer to introduce six months' equal parenthood paid leave and two weeks paid leave for any partner who experiences pregnancy loss; notes that progressive practices such as this are crucial to closing the gender pay gap and encouraging less gendered and more diverse opportunities for parents; considers this a vital step in rethinking the workplace which moves society closer to creating a kinder and fairer employment sector; and encourages other business and organisations to follow the example set by John Lewis and to consider implementing similar practices for the benefit of their own workforces.

349 The Barras' 100th birthdayTabled: **20/07/21** Signatories: **15**

Alison Thewliss
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Neale Hanvey
Patrick Grady
Amy Callaghan
Owen Thompson

Chris Law

Patricia Gibson

That this House celebrates the 100 year anniversary of The Barras in Glasgow; recognises the market's role in shaping and reflecting Glasgow's vibrant character and its ability to grow and adapt with a changing city; commemorates Maggie McIver, the Bridgeton native who founded the market in the 1920s and who passed away a multi-millionaire in 1958 having inspired generations of businesswomen; acknowledges the cultural contribution of the world-famous Barrowland Ballroom established in 1934, which has been a place for communities to enjoy good company and good music for generations and has attracted countless world-renowned bands to the city; also acknowledges the success of the recently redeveloped award-winning Barras Art and Design which has offered much needed art space and a place for people to come together in celebration; and looks forward whatever the next 100 years may bring.

351 UN World Drowning Prevention DayTabled: **21/07/21** Signatories: **26**

Catherine McKinnell
Neil Parish
Paula Barker
Andrew Gwynne
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey

Chris Law

That this House welcomes the UN General Assembly's adoption of its first ever resolution on global drowning prevention; recognises the first ever UN World Drowning Prevention Day on 25 July 2021 and deeply regrets that almost 4,000 people in the UK lost their lives in water accidents from 2009-20 according to the Water Incidents Database; acknowledges that most water accidents could be prevented with simple, low cost awareness-raising measures; and calls on the Government to work with school leaders and the National Water Safety Forum, a network of voluntary organisations working together to reduce water-related deaths, to ensure water safety is taught to a high standard in every school.

352 Death of footballer Charlie GallagherTabled: **21/07/21** Signatories: **11**

Amy Callaghan
Brendan O'Hara
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans

Chris Law

Patricia Gibson

That this House recognises the life and achievements of Charlie Gallagher, former football player for Celtic and Dumbarton and resident of Bishopbriggs; notes Charlie's many outstanding achievements in the sport including 171 appearances for Celtic and 95 appearances for Dumbarton winning multiple trophies; further notes Charlie as an important member of Celtic's Lisbon Lions squad who became the first team from the UK to win the European Cup in 1967; recognises in later life Charlie's employment as a taxi driver and service to the people of Glasgow; notes the pride Charlie's family, friends, and the organisations he has served have for his lifetime of achievements in sport and beyond; and sends deepest condolences to Charlie's family.

353 Iona Davies and the Show Racism the Red Card competitionTabled: **21/07/21** Signatories: **9**

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Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey
Alison Thewliss
Chris Stephens [R]
Allan Dorans

Chris Law

That this House congratulates Iona Davies, a pupil at Hermitage academy in Helensburgh, on winning first prize in the S1-S3 category in the Show Racism the Red Card creative arts competition;

recognises Iona's skill and hard work in creating her stunning artwork, We're All Human; notes that the competition allowed pupils across Scotland, from P1 to S6, to creatively express their messages of inclusion and to celebrate diversity through drawing, poster making, poetry, textile design, music and short films; further notes with deep regret the timely relevance of Show Racism the Red Card's campaign, coinciding as it did with the abhorrent racist abuse of three young England footballers, Marcus Rashford, Jadon Sancho and Bukayo Saka following the European Championship final at Wembley; acknowledges that unfortunately, racism is still a devastating reality for many people across the UK; and thanks Show Racism the Red Card campaign and all other anti-racism campaign groups for the work they do.

354 Lily Wilson's 100th birthday

Tabled: 21/07/21 Signatories: 9

David Linden
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey
Alison Thewliss
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans

Chris Law

That this House sends its best wishes to Mrs Lily Wilson who celebrated her 100th birthday on 21 July 2021, alongside her friends and family; notes that Mrs Wilson celebrated her birthday in Easterhouse in the Glasgow East constituency, where she has been a valued member of the constituency for many years; congratulates Mrs Wilson on having the children's play park named after her by the Blairtummock Housing Association as part of her birthday gifts to honour her reaching a hundred years; highlights that Mrs Wilson's birthday celebrations included a visit Lord Provost of Glasgow and hopes that Mrs Wilson enjoyed her birthday celebrations; and recognises Lily Wilson for achieving the importance milestone of reaching a century.

355 Sue Ryder Neurological Care Centre Dee View Court

Tabled: 21/07/21 Signatories: 9

Stephen Flynn
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey
Alison Thewliss
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans

Chris Law

That this House congratulates the charity, Sue Ryder Care on reaching its fundraising target of £3.9 million to cover the costs of increasing capacity of its Dee View Court centre in Aberdeen; recognises that this as a tremendous milestone which is set to benefit many people in the North East of Scotland and beyond for many years to come, with capacity nearly doubling from 24 to 44 bedrooms; understands that Dee View Court is Scotland's only purpose-built care centre for people living with neurological conditions or acquired brain injuries; appreciates the valued efforts of staff and all donors involved in the fundraising which started back in 2017; and wishes Dee View Court, its staff and residents the very best of luck in its future fundraising endeavours.

356 European nationals in the UK

Tabled: 21/07/21 Signatories: 25

Chris Law
Stewart Hosie
Kirsty Blackman
Patrick Grady
Drew Hendry
Dr Philippa Whitford

Patricia Gibson

That this House recognises the contribution that the hundreds of thousands of European nationals living in the UK have made to the UK; further recognises that one of those European Nationals is Dundee's Irena Jendrycha, one of the UK's last Holocaust survivors, who moved to the UK aged four after her liberation from a German concentration camp; notes that Irena, like the hundreds of thousands of other European Nationals living in the UK, was forced to apply through the EU Settlement Scheme to secure her place in the UK; further notes that Irena, despite applying is still unaware of her status, which has caused her a lot of stress and anguish; and calls on the Government to resolve applications such as Irena's as soon as possible and ensure that the status of those who are still unsure of their status in the UK will be treated with the dignity and respect that they deserve.

362 Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's report on women's state pension age

Tabled: 22/07/21 Signatories: 10

Liz Saville Roberts
Hywel Williams
Chris Stephens
Zarah Sultana
Ben Lake
Margaret Ferrier

Jonathan Edwards

That this House welcomes the publication of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's report titled Women's State Pension age: our findings on the Department for Work and Pensions' communication of changes; is concerned by the report's findings of maladministration and failure by DWP to appropriately inform women of changes to their State Pension Allowance; and calls upon the UK Government to fully engage with the Ombudsman's findings and meet with campaigners to come to an equitable solution to address the injustice of state pension inequality, a problem which affects 3.7 million women in the UK, including 194,000 in Wales.

367 Water pollution in northern Sri LankaTabled: **22/07/21** Signatories: **13**

Munira Wilson
Chris Stephens
Margaret Ferrier
Hywel Williams
Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake

Tim Farron

That this House expresses concern regarding water quality in northern Sri Lanka; is concerned by reports stating that the Sri Lankan Government refused to allow independent assessments of water quality in the region; notes that the consumption or use of water contaminated by waste oil has been linked to many diseases and birth defects; calls for steps to be taken to allow all citizens in northern Sri Lanka, the majority of whom are Tamils, to have access to clean drinking water; calls on the area around the Chunnakam power plant complex to be subjected to a full independent investigation; and believes that all citizens affected by water contamination should be provided with competent medical follow-up and be compensated adequately by the Sri Lankan Government.

369 Nuclear energy policyTabled: **22/07/21** Signatories: **10**

Alan Brown
Caroline Lucas
Allan Dorans
Chris Stephens
Douglas Chapman
Marion Fellows

Jonathan Edwards

That this House urges the Government to review its nuclear policy; notes that Dungeness Power Station stopped generating in June 2021, seven years early due to safety concerns; that Hunterston B will stop generating in 2021, Hinkley B in 2022, Hartlepool and Heysham Power Stations in 2024, that Torness and Heysham 2 will close before their 2030 target; further notes that Hinkley Point C being constructed has suffered cost and programme overruns with the predicted commissioning date of unit one revised to June 2026 with an additional programme risk of a further 15 months, meaning unit one might not generate until 2027 and unit two in 2028, years after the majority of the existing fleet is offline, proving that the need for nuclear baseload generation is an outdated concept; notes that the Hinkley £92.50per MWh strike rate over a 35 year contract period compares badly to the offshore wind strike rate of £40MWh for a 15 year contract; further notes that under the existing grid charging regime, EDF will be paid money to connect to the grid, while Scottish renewable energy projects pay the highest grid connection charges in Europe; draws attention to the report by Good Energy and Energy Catapult Systems that shows net zero can be reached without new nuclear projects; notes that the reliance on China General Nuclear is a mistake; and calls on the Government to scrap its intention to build new nuclear power stations and avoid adding to the nuclear waste legacy estimated to cost £132 billion.