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New EDMs

399 World Electric Vehicle Day

Tabled: 7/09/21 Signatories: 1

Douglas Chapman

That this House urges the Government on World Electric Vehicle Day to look to Scotland and Nordic neighbours for a joined-up policy approach on the transition to electric vehicles; encourages the Government to celebrate the achievement of Norway as the first country in the world where electric vehicles outsell traditional combustion-engine cars; requests that the Government develops a holistic policy, such as that followed in Norway with more incentives for potential electric vehicle buyers and to provide many more affordable charging points in towns, cities and rural areas and at workplaces; and applauds the Scottish Government for its continued commitment to strengthen the EV Charging Place network as part of its drive towards Net Zero Scotland.

400 Safe space for teenagers in West Fife

Tabled: 7/09/21 Signatories: 1

Douglas Chapman

That this House praises The Ball Room Sports Bar and Pool Hall in Dunfermline for offering free pool sessions to teenagers; notes that initiative aims to reduce anti-social behaviour locally by providing a safe space for young people to meet; and commends The Ball Room for going above and beyond for the benefit of the Dunfermline community.

401 Penicuik wins small delivery office of 2021

Tabled: 7/09/21 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates Royal Mail's Penicuik delivery office in Midlothian for being awarded Small Delivery Office of the Year in the CEO and COO Awards in 2021; notes that the annual awards, sponsored by Chief Executive Officer, Simon Thompson, and Chief Operating Officer, Achim Dünnewal, recognise those sites that have gone above and beyond to deliver excellence on a national level; thanks Operations Manager, Ross Hutchinson, and all the staff at Penicuik for their hard work and dedication to ensure that services kept going during challenging times.

402 Achievement of Team GB in the Paralympics

Tabled: 7/09/21 Signatories: 4

Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Sammy Wilson

That this House celebrates the tremendous achievement by Team GB in the Paralympics coming second only to China in the medals charts; notes the wonderful achievements from every country that makes up this wonderful UK and, in particular, highlights Strangford constituent, Bethany Firth, on her medal haul including two gold and two silver medals in swimming at the 2020 Olympics alone; congratulates every medal winner and member of the coaching team for their wonderful achievement; further highlights the tremendous encouragement that seeing Team GB excel at the Paralympics has provided to so many; and calls upon the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to work with the National Lottery in reviewing funding arrangements for our Paralympians in hopes of increasing this haul at the next world games.

403 Persecution of Christians in Northern Nigeria

Tabled: 7/09/21 Signatories: 4

Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Sammy Wilson

That this House notes the escalation in persecution of Christians in Northern Nigeria, highlighting that more Christians are killed in Nigeria than in any other world nation; further notes Opendoors' assessment that men and boys are particularly vulnerable to being killed, with the intention of lowering the birth rate of Christian communities and removing their sources of income, and that Christian women are often abducted and raped by militant groups and sometimes forced to marry Muslims; calls on the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs to liaise with NGOs on the ground in Nigeria to ascertain where best funding and support streams could be used; and further affirms this House's commitment to promoting freedom of religion and belief by all diplomatic measures available.

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.

345 Political prisoners in Belarus

Tabled: 20/07/21 Signatories: 12

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

Ed Davey

Wendy Chamberlain

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.

351 UN World Drowning Prevention Day

Tabled: 21/07/21 Signatories: 27

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

Dame Angela Eagle

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.

373 National Plastic Health Impact Research Fund

Tabled: 18/08/21 Signatories: 7

Mick Whitley [R]
Andrew Gwynne
Navendu Mishra
Paula Barker
Kim Johnson
Kate Osborne

Tony Lloyd

That this House notes that we breathe in, drink and eat plastic particles every day; recognises that little research has been conducted to fully establish what risk that poses to human health; further notes that when plastic gets into the body it can spread; understands that particles emitted from plastic prosthetic implants have been found in human organs like the liver, spleen and placenta; believes that new clinical research on plastic and health is urgently required but is chronically underfunded; notes that in 2021 Whitehall announced its commitment to making Britain a world leader in research and development across health, life sciences and manufacturing, with some £15 billion invested into research and development for 2021-22; asserts that part of that budget must be ringfenced to urgently understand how increasing exposure to plastic particles affects human health; and endorses social enterprise Common Seas' calls for the Government to rapidly introduce a new £15 million National Plastic Health Impact Research Fund.

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

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 4

Patricia Gibson
Marion Fellows
Martin Docherty-Hughes
Jim Shannon

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: 5

Navendu Mishra
Ian Mearns
Grahame Morris
Mr Virendra Sharma
Jim Shannon

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: 4

Emma Hardy
Dame Angela Eagle
Paula Barker
Jim Shannon

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: 4

Grahame Morris
Navendu Mishra
Paula Barker
Jim Shannon

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: 49

Dawn Butler
Grahame Morris
Ian Mearns
Kate Osborne
Clive Lewis
Mick Whitley

Ian Lavery
 Lloyd Russell-Moyle
 Zarah Sultana
 Apsana Begum
 Carol Monaghan
 Anum Qaisar-Javed
 Amy Callaghan
 Chris Stephens
 Owen Thompson
 Douglas Chapman
 Marion Fellows
 Patrick Grady
 John Nicolson
 Tommy Sheppard

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 John McDonnell
 Jon Trickett
 Anne McLaughlin
 Dr Philippa Whitford
 Brendan O'Hara
 Chris Law
 Stewart Hosie
 Allan Dorans
 Gavin Newlands
 Beth Winter
 Kate Osamor
 Paula Barker
 Angela Crawley

Ms Diane Abbott
 Richard Burgon
 Ian Byrne
 Alison Thewliss
 Patricia Gibson
 Alan Brown
 Ronnie Cowan
 Richard Thomson
 Dave Doogan
 Stewart Malcolm McDonald
 Martyn Day
 Stephen Farry
 John McNally
 Kim Johnson

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: 3

Peter Grant
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon

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: 4

**Peter Grant
Kirsten Oswald
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon**

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, 10 September

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 5

**Patricia Gibson
Marion Fellows
Stewart Hosie
Ronnie Cowan
Jim Shannon**

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: 15

Andrew Gwynne
Claudia Webbe
Navendu Mishra
Dame Angela Eagle
Paula Barker
Kim Johnson

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
 Jim Shannon
 Liz Saville Roberts

Kate Osborne
 Tony Lloyd
 Hywel Williams

Gavin Newlands
 Ben Lake
 Dr Philippa Whitford

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: 2

Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon

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: 3

Owen Thompson
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon

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: **3**

Owen Thompson
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon

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: **3**

Owen Thompson
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon

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: **3**

Owen Thompson
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon

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: 8

Wendy Chamberlain
 Ed Davey
 Mr Alistair Carmichael
 Tim Farron
 Daisy Cooper
 Sarah Olney

Wera Hobhouse Layla Moran

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: 2

Grahame Morris
 Jim Shannon

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: 3

Douglas Chapman
 Marion Fellows
 Jim Shannon

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: 2

Douglas Chapman
Jim Shannon

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: 4

Jon Trickett
Navendu Mishra
Paula Barker
Jim Shannon

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: 3

Owen Thompson
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon

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.