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New EDMs

404 Emma Ritch

Tabled: **8/09/21** Signatories: **1**

Anne McLaughlin

That this House recognises the remarkable achievements of internationally renowned feminist, the late Emma Ritch who was executive director of Engender, Scotland's feminist policy and advocacy organisation; notes that her professional and voluntary work roles over a number of years included Chair of the Board of Trustees at Human Rights Consortium Scotland, Chair of Rape Crisis Scotland, Fellow of the RSA; Member of the Scottish Women's Budget Group, Vice Chair of Close the Gap, Scotland Committee Member of the Equality and Human Rights Commission, Trustee of the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations, Member of the National Advisory Council on Women and Girls and in 2019 she was inducted into the Saltire Society Outstanding Women of Scotland; further notes that her work was recognised internationally by the UN and the EU including in association with CEDAW and she was a Board Member of the European Women's Lobby; recognises that her commitment to intersectionality and understanding of the importance of reaching out to others who hold a different point of view was outstanding; and further notes that continuing her work on gender mainstreaming and on all other aspects of women's equality is the most appropriate way to honour her legacy.

405 Argyll-based charity Mary's Meal feeding 2 million children a day

Tabled: **8/09/21** Signatories: **1**

Brendan O'Hara

That this House congratulates the Argyll-based Charity Mary's Meals on reaching the remarkable landmark of feeding two million of the world's poorest children every day; acknowledges the dedicated hard work of Mary's Meals eighty thousand staff and volunteers working in nineteen countries, across four continents, and thanks them for everything they have done to improve the lives of so many children by ensuring that not only are those children being fed but that they are

receiving a meal in school; recognises the outstanding personal contribution made by Mary's Meals founder Mr Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow who since Mary's Meal served its first meal to a Malawian child in 2002 has worked tirelessly to feed as many of the world's poorest children in a place of education; and wishes Mary's Meals every success in the future.

406 Prescription charges

Tabled: 8/09/21 Signatories: 6

Mick Whitley
Paula Barker
John Spellar
Sir George Howarth
Mr Virendra Sharma
Andrew Gwynne

That this House restates its commitment to the National Health Service as a universal service free at the point of delivery and its belief that access to medication is a fundamental right; recognises the devastating impact that covid-19 has had on access to health services; is deeply concerned that increased waiting times could leave people with long-term conditions relying on medication to manage their pain and health conditions; considers the implications of the Government's consultation on aligning prescription charges with the state pension age as being deeply dangerous and likely to disproportionately impact disadvantaged communities and widen existing health inequalities; fears that such a move would leave many older patients struggling to fund their medication; believes that those proposals would further increase pressure on NHS services through expensive hospital admissions; expresses its concern that more patients will have to make health choices based on their ability to pay for prescriptions; and calls on the Government to follow the devolved administrations in ending prescription charges for people with long-term health conditions in England and to set out a medium to long-term strategy for the scrapping of prescription charges altogether.

407 The Tilly Butcher Aberdeen

Tabled: 8/09/21 Signatories: 1

Kirsty Blackman

That this House congratulates the award winning Tilly Butcher on their 10 years' serving the community in Aberdeen after opening in Tillydrone; acknowledges the success of a thriving local business championing local produce; and their truly magnificent pies hand made in their shop.

408 Success of Toni Shaw at Tokyo Paralympics

Tabled: 8/09/21 Signatories: 1

Kirsty Blackman

That this House congratulates 18-year-old Toni Shaw on her Paralympic performance in Tokyo, including winning bronze in the women's 400 metre freestyle S9 event; inspiring the young people of Aberdeen; and showcasing the important contribution of Aberdeen Sports Village for cultivating future talent of sport in the north east.

409 DigitalBoost FundingTabled: **8/09/21** Signatories: **1****Douglas Chapman**

That this House welcomes Scotland's DigitalBoost upskilling programme for SMEs funded by the Scottish Government and Digital Scotland; and recognises the support for the scheme, administered by Business Gateway from the Federation of Small Business Scotland, and many companies which have used the DigitalBoost funding to upskill 40,000 employees to become more digitally innovative and resilient.

410 Shortage of HGV driversTabled: **8/09/21** Signatories: **1****Daisy Cooper**

That this House notes with concern that the shortage of HGV drivers in the UK is at crisis point; regrets that even before the covid-19 pandemic, when the UK road transport business employed approximately 600,000 drivers, that there was still a shortfall of as many as 70,000 vacancies; further notes with growing alarm that many of the 60,000 drivers from EU member states who were residing and working in the UK before Brexit have now left the British jobs market; calls on the Government to take seriously the combined stresses of added border checks since Brexit, an aging and fast retiring workforce, ever increasing numbers of EU drivers who are choosing not to work in the UK and the delays caused by covid-19 safe industry measures; requests that an industry-wide support scheme is urgently developed by the Secretary of State for Transport to increase the rate of driver training and recruitment; further calls on the Chancellor to compensate small and medium-sized haulage firms for the costs involved with border checks and delays with our EU neighbours and to reduce the impact of IR35 regulations on these same firms; and asks the Home Secretary to add HGV drivers to the UK Shortage Occupation list to attract overseas labour to the UK.

411 The High Commissioner of MaltaTabled: **8/09/21** Signatories: **1****Douglas Chapman**

That this House recognises and sincerely thanks Joseph Cole who as the High Commissioner for Malta was a positive partner for the UK across many areas of common interest and who diligently supported the Maltese diaspora based in the UK especially during the recent Covid pandemic and helping them through the impact of Brexit; thanks the team at the High Commission who have created an excellent working relationship with the APPG Malta; and welcomes the new High Commissioner whenever they may be appointed.

412 50 years of West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice BureauTabled: **8/09/21** Signatories: **1****Martin Docherty-Hughes**

That this House wishes to extend its congratulations to the staff and volunteers of West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau who will be marking its 50th anniversary on the 16th September 2021; believes that those staff and volunteers have provided an invaluable service to the citizens of the West Dunbartonshire district over those 50 years ensuring that individuals do not suffer through a lack of knowledge of their rights and responsibilities, the services available to them or an inability to express their needs; understands that in 2019-20 they advised over 4,925 clients on 28,826 issues and generated £1,725,339 in client financial gains; and wishes the West

Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau another 50 successful years of supporting the people of Clydebank, Dumbarton and the Vale of Leven.

413 40th anniversary of the Guru Nanak Sikh Temple in Glasgow

Tabled: **8/09/21** Signatories: **1**

Patrick Grady

That this House congratulates the leadership and community of the Guru Nanak Sikh Temple on Otago Street, Glasgow, on the occasion of its 40th anniversary; notes that that anniversary was celebrated at a special event at the Gurdwara on 29 August 2021; thanks all those associated with the Gurdwara who provide selfless service and support to the wider local community through a range of charitable and voluntary activities; notes that that service and support has been particularly important during the covid-19 pandemic; and looks forward to the Temple and its community continuing to be a welcome and valued part of Glasgow's vibrant and diverse cultural and religious life for many years to come.

414 Play therapy

Tabled: **8/09/21** Signatories: **1**

Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House recognises the importance of play therapy in helping children who are experiencing mental illness or trauma and considers that therapy to be an essential component of the covid-19 recovery programme; notes that play therapy is an internationally recognised and highly cost effective health intervention for children for whom talking therapies like counselling are not always appropriate; further notes that play is essential to every child's social, emotional, cognitive, physical, creative and language developmental needs, assisting the learning process for all children and young people including those for whom verbal communication may be challenging; commends the role of organisations such as Play Therapy UK, Play Therapy International and the professional, highly-trained UK play therapist workforce who are currently supporting some of our most vulnerable children; and calls on the Government to acknowledge the vital role of play therapy in its covid-19 recovery programme and ensure that play therapy is one of the core services provided by the new and developing network of family hubs recently announced by the Minister for Children and Families.

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.

317 Tactile paving

Tabled: 14/07/21 Signatories: 19

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

Ed Davey

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.

360 Accountability for Human Rights Abuses in The Gambia

Tabled: 21/07/21 Signatories: 15

Anne McLaughlin
John McDonnell
Jim Shannon
Jeremy Corbyn
Alison Thewliss
Chris Stephens

Chris Law

That this House welcomes the imminent publication of the report by the Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission of the Gambia, following publicly televised testimony for over two years from victims and former officials, including members of an elite death squad, implicating former Gambian President Yahya Jammeh in the killing and torture of political opponents, the murder of almost 60 West African migrants, the rape and sexual assault of women and a sham HIV treatment programme resulting in over 30 deaths; hopes the report recommendations will be implemented, and the criminal prosecution of Jammeh and his main accomplices will follow; notes that since the end of Jammeh's brutal 22 year dictatorship in 2017, progress in restoring fundamental rights has yet to be consolidated, for instance by ensuring future elections are free and fair and the harassment of journalists and other civil society representatives by the security forces ended; regrets current Gambian President Adama Barrow did not step down as originally agreed with the coalition that backed him and that corruption, female genital mutilation and child marriage remain serious problems; applauds the imposition of sanctions by the UK Government and others on former Gambian President Jammeh, his wife and the former director-general of the country's National Intelligence Agency; and calls on the Government to continue supporting the Gambia's democratic

transition, to assist with implementing the report recommendations and to back the criminal prosecution of Jammeh and others responsible for gross abuses there.

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

Tabled: 22/07/21 Signatories: 11

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

Alison Thewliss

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.

363 Rise in antisemitic hate crime

Tabled: 22/07/21 Signatories: 6

Layla Moran
Hywel Williams
Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake
Wera Hobhouse
Alison Thewliss

That this House condemns the appalling rise in antisemitism in the weeks during and after the devastating escalation of violence in Israel and Palestine; notes with concern that the Community Security Trust (CST) recorded 628 antisemitic hate incidents between 8 May and 7 June 2021; regrets that is the highest number of antisemitic hate crimes that the CST has ever recorded in any month-long period; notes with further concern that this represents roughly four times the normal number expected during that period; believes it is shameful that in the UK, British Jews often suffer when violence flares up in a region thousands of miles away; and resolves to continue to call out all injustices in the Middle East and seek for a peaceful solution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict.

364 Glasgow City Mission Family Holiday ClubTabled: **22/07/21** Signatories: **7**

Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Margaret Ferrier
Marion Fellows
Hannah Bardell
Chris Law

Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates the Glasgow City Mission Child and Family Centre for running its Family Holiday Club over the Scottish school summer holiday period; notes that the club has allowed children, parents and carers a free lunch every day, ran organised trips and activities in Elder Park; praises the work of the Glasgow City Mission for its work across Glasgow, and sends its best wishes to its work going forward.

369 Nuclear energy policyTabled: **22/07/21** Signatories: **12**

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

Chris Law

Alison Thewliss

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.

370 Kashmir and the revocation of Articles 370 and 35A of India's ConstitutionTabled: **18/08/21** Signatories: **2**

Tahir Ali
Mohammad Yasin

That this House recognises that it has been two years since the Modi-led Bharatiya Janata Party Government in India revoked Articles 370 and 35a from its constitution, effectively stripping Jammu and Kashmir of its regional autonomy; notes that since 6 August 2019, Kashmir has been under

militarised occupation by India; condemns that occupation which has resulted in the suspension of democratic process in Jammu and Kashmir, censorship of journalists in that region, the repression of activists opposed to that occupation, a communications blackout which has hampered Kashmir's response to the covid-19 pandemic and serious human rights abuses by Indian forces in that region, including extrajudicial killing, torture, rape and illegal detention which have been well-documented by international monitoring organisations; and calls on the UK Government to bring diplomatic pressure, including sanctions, to bear upon Prime Minister Modi and his Government as a means of ending the occupation of that region and all of the human and civil rights abuses that continue to take place in that region.

372 Olympic medallists Duncan Scott and Tom Dean

Tabled: 18/08/21 Signatories: 5

Alyn Smith
Marion Fellows
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates University of Stirling swimmer Duncan Scott and teammate Tom Dean for winning Olympic Silver and Gold respectively in the Men's 200 metre Freestyle at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games; notes the hard work, commitment and dedication both of those athletes have exemplified in their training and in previous competitions; and wishes Mr Scott and Mr Dean well in their future endeavours.

373 National Plastic Health Impact Research Fund

Tabled: 18/08/21 Signatories: 9

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

Dan Carden

Sir George Howarth

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.

374 NHS Lanarkshire's support for the armed forcesTabled: **18/08/21** Signatories: **2****Margaret Ferrier**
Chris Law

That this House congratulates NHS Lanarkshire for their award of the Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Award for their outstanding support for the armed forces community, one of only 140 organisations announced in July 2021 by the Minister for Defence People and Veterans; commends the efforts of Craig Cunningham, NHS Lanarkshire's Armed Forces and Veteran's Champion, the staff and local veterans in the design of the unique service provided to support veterans, Reserves, Cadet Force Local Volunteers and their families; and recognises the value of that fantastic work, made possible through volunteer hours in already difficult circumstances, in providing that service by veterans, for veterans.

375 Olympian Laura MuirTabled: **18/08/21** Signatories: **5****Amy Callaghan**
Marion Fellows
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss

That this House celebrates East Dunbartonshire constituent Laura Muir following her triumphs at the Olympic Games in 2021; notes that Laura won the Olympic silver medal in the 1500m while also setting a new British record of 3 minutes 54.50 seconds; recognises the hard work, sacrifice and dedication athletes have made, particularly during the covid-19 pandemic, to compete this year; further wishes Laura well for her future endeavours; and congratulates all athletes who trained hard and competed in the Olympic Games in Tokyo in 2021.

376 Women's rights in AfghanistanTabled: **18/08/21** Signatories: **10****Kirsten Oswald**
Anne McLaughlin
Marion Fellows
Navendu Mishra
Mick Whitley
Paula Barker**Chris Law**
Alison Thewliss**Jonathan Edwards****Allan Dorans**

That this House is horrified at the unfolding humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan and is particularly concerned about the impact on women and girls of the collapse in the Afghan government and return to power of the Taliban; notes that some 80 per cent of the near quarter of a million Afghans forced to flee their homes between the end of May and early August this year are women and children, which must be reflected in asylum planning by the UK Government; notes that assurances given by Taliban representatives, including to the Russian foreign ministry in July 2021, that they would respect human rights, including those of women, within the framework of Islamic norms and Afghan traditions, has allowed local Taliban leaders to repudiate Afghanistan's Law on the Prohibition of Violence Against Women, which was passed in August 2009, and return to the days of child marriage and forced marriage, with evidence emerging of young girls and widows being demanded as brides for Taliban fighters; further notes the words of Mahbooba Siraj, founder of the

Afghan Women's Network, who said that if the Taliban took over it would crush women's voices, and Pashtana Durrani, Executive Director of LEARN, an Afghan NGO for girls' education, who said that, for Afghan women, this means losing your houses, your dreams, your goals, your ambition, your identity; and calls on the UK Government and the international community to stand united behind women's rights, including the right to education, in Afghanistan.

377 Earthquake devastation in Haiti

Tabled: 18/08/21 Signatories: 7

Patricia Gibson
Marion Fellows
Paula Barker
Chris Law
Jonathan Edwards
Allan Dorans

Alison Thewliss

That this House expresses its sadness and sympathy for the victims of the earthquake that struck Haiti on Saturday 14 August with a magnitude of 7.2 on the Richter Scale, in which at least 1,297 people are confirmed to have died, an estimated 5,700 people have been injured with an unknown number of people left homeless and in need of basic humanitarian aid; remembers the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, which killed more than 200,000 people, the bout of cholera accidentally and subsequently introduced by United Nations forces through contamination of a water source, which killed at least 10,000 Haitians; recalls the impact of Hurricane Matthew in 2016, which inflicted extensive damage to the country's infrastructure and economy; notes with concern the potential impact of tropical storm Grace which is anticipated to sweep over the country with wind speeds of 40-50 miles per hour on 16 and 17 August, likely causing further damage; encourages people across Scotland to donate to charitable appeals; and urges the Scottish and UK Government to contribute to the provision of immediate and long term relief to help the people of Haiti, the poorest country in the western hemisphere, deal with the aftermath of yet another humanitarian crisis.

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

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 7

Patricia Gibson
Marion Fellows
Martin Docherty-Hughes
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans

Brendan O'Hara

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: **7**

Navendu Mishra
Ian Mearns
Grahame Morris
Mr Virendra Sharma
Jim Shannon
Paula Barker

Mick Whitley

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: **7**

Emma Hardy
Dame Angela Eagle
Paula Barker
Jim Shannon
Dan Carden
Kate Hollern

Mick Whitley

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: 9

Grahame Morris
 Navendu Mishra
 Paula Barker
 Jim Shannon
 Dan Carden
 Jonathan Edwards

Kate Hollern

Mick Whitley

Jon Trickett

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: 63

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

Kenny MacAskill
 Jeremy Corbyn
 Jonathan Edwards
 Claire Hanna
 Mary Kelly Foy

Alyn Smith
 Dan Carden
 Kate Hollern
 Mohammad Yasin
 Andrew Gwynne

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
 Daisy Cooper
 David Linden
 Deidre Brock

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: 6

Peter Grant
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss

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: 7

Peter Grant
Kirsten Oswald
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans

Alison Thewliss

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: 10

Patricia Gibson
 Marion Fellows
 Stewart Hosie
 Ronnie Cowan
 Jim Shannon
 Chris Law

Jonathan Edwards
 Alison Thewliss

Allan Dorans

Mohammad Yasin

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: 29

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

Peter Aldous
 Kate Hollern
 Chris Bryant
 Ronnie Cowan
 Stewart Hosie

Jonathan Edwards
 Mr Barry Sheerman
 Marion Fellows
 Mohammad Yasin
 Alison Thewliss

Ian Byrne
 Julie Elliott
 Mick Whitley
 Jon Trickett

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.

389 Loanhead Children's Gala Day 2021

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 6

Owen Thompson
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss

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: 5

Owen Thompson
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans

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: 5

Owen Thompson
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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: 6

Owen Thompson
 Marion Fellows
 Jim Shannon
 Chris Law
 Allan Dorans
 Alison Thewliss

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: 10

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

Jamie Stone

Alison Thewliss

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: 5

Grahame Morris
 Jim Shannon
 Dan Carden
 Mick Whitley
 Mohammad Yasin

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: **5**

Douglas Chapman
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Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans

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: **7**

Douglas Chapman
Jim Shannon
Kenny MacAskill
Chris Law
Jonathan Edwards
Allan Dorans

Alison Thewliss

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: **6**

Jon Trickett
Navendu Mishra
Paula Barker
Jim Shannon
Dan Carden
Mick Whitley

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: **7**

Owen Thompson
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Jonathan Edwards
Allan Dorans

Alison Thewliss

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.

399 World Electric Vehicle Day

Tabled: **7/09/21** Signatories: **9**

Douglas Chapman
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Marion Fellows
Chris Law
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon

Allan Dorans

Ronnie Cowan

Alison Thewliss

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: 6

Douglas Chapman
Chris Law
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss

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: 6

Owen Thompson
Chris Law
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss

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: 5

Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Sammy Wilson
Mohammad Yasin

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: 8

Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Sammy Wilson
Jonathan Edwards
Brendan O'Hara

Mohammad Yasin

Alison Thewliss

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.