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Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 9 September 2021

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New EDMs

415 **Stort Crossing**

Tabled: 9/09/21 Signatories: 1

Robert Halfon

That this House understands concerns that the Stort crossing proposals will have on the beautiful environment of the Stort Valley in Harlow constituency; further understands the threat that those proposals pose to local wildlife and ecosystems; recognises the concerns on those proposals raised by hundreds of local residents; further recognises that the plans for that problematic development have been inherited from the previous Labour Council who agreed to the proposals in the 2020 Local Plan; notes that Harlow Conservative Councillors voted against the 2020 Local Plan; further notes the upcoming Planning Committee meetings of both East Herts Council and Harlow District Council at which this planning application will be considered; and calls on the Government to put pressure onto the developers to reassess those plans and go back to the drawing board.

416 **Adult social care workforce and Local Government**

Tabled: 9/09/21 Signatories: 2

Paula Barker
Mick Whitley

That this House notes the pre-covid-19 outbreak changes to funding for adult social care council budgets since 2010; recognises local Government as the primary commissioners of adult social care services; notes with concern the absence of local Government as part of the Government's announcements on social care reforms and delivery; further notes that the £5.4 billion assigned to adult social care out of the £36 billion to be raised over three years following the introduction of the Health and Social Care levy is not adequate to match the scale of the issues facing that sector; notes that the statement made by the Prime Minister of 7 September 2021 is a plan predominately to assist the NHS and not the broken adult social care sector; asserts the Government has not addressed the job retention and vacancy problem facing the adult social care sector by improving

pay, terms and conditions as well training opportunities for the care workforce; recognises the inability of the market to provide the solutions to underoccupancy in care homes and the sharply increasing demand for home care services; and agrees with the calls of Age UK to provide a big injection of funding to councils' care budgets which includes a social care workforce strategy to meet rising demand and the needs of disabled and older people by widening the criteria for state support alongside a new deal for unpaid, informal carers.

417 AOC Europe 2021

Tabled: 9/09/21 Signatories: 17

Ian Byrne [R]
Kim Johnson
Paula Barker
Dan Carden
Mick Whitley
Margaret Greenwood

Nadia Whittome
 Ian Lavery
 Jeremy Corbyn
 Claudia Webbe

Apsana Begum
 John McDonnell
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Clive Lewis

Richard Burgon
 Zarah Sultana
 Kate Osborne

That this House opposes the planned staging of the AOC Europe 2021 electronic warfare event, organised by Clarion Defence and Security, at Liverpool's Arena and Convention Centre (ACC) in October 2021; notes that that event will bring together many of the biggest global arms companies with government and military officials attending from across the world; further notes that that event will showcase and display a wide range of armaments and military equipment; notes that such military equipment being showcased has been used, and continues to be used, by regimes that have abused human rights and civil liberties; recognises that the use of such military equipment inevitably exacerbates the potential for conflict and undermines the search for peaceful solutions to international problems; further recognises that communities in Liverpool have proudly stood with those suffering injustice for many years and agrees that the staging of that event is an affront to the city's shared values; calls on ACC Liverpool Group to reconsider hosting that event, and any future events, which undermine the city's commitment to peace and human rights; and urges ACC Liverpool Group to work with Liverpool City Council to develop and adopt an ethical charter as company policy.

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.

329 Diamond anniversary of the Stamperland Bowling Club

Tabled: 15/07/21 Signatories: 11

Kirsten Oswald
Chris Law
John Nicolson
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon

Patrick Grady

That this House celebrates the 60th anniversary of Stamperland Bowling Club, which was established in 1961; notes that in this, the year of its Diamond Anniversary, the club organised a Diamond Cup tournament to celebrate this notable milestone; recognises that the past year has been extremely difficult for bowling clubs and other sports venues; praises Stamperland Bowling Club for showing resilience and expressing confidence in the future by making improvements to the club's facilities; understands that the club has been pleased to welcome old and new members onto the green as Covid-19 restrictions ease; expresses its appreciation of all the hard work done by staff, committee, and members in running a club so well-rooted in the local community, and wishes Stamperland Bowling Club all the best for another 60 years and beyond.

335 Protecting grasslands at COP26 and beyond

Tabled: 19/07/21 Signatories: 28

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

Carol Monaghan

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: 30

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

Carol Monaghan

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.

341 The Death of Father Stan Swamy

Tabled: 20/07/21 Signatories: 10

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

Carol Monaghan

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: **29**

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

Carol Monaghan

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.

344 Poppyscotland Welfare Centre, KilmarnockTabled: **20/07/21** Signatories: **12**

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

Carol Monaghan

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 BelarusTabled: **20/07/21** Signatories: **13**

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

Carol Monaghan

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 Yemialyianau; 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 ForgetTabled: **20/07/21** Signatories: **13**

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

Carol Monaghan

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.

348 John Lewis's equal parenthood paid leave policy

Tabled: **20/07/21** Signatories: **19**

Alison Thewliss
Neale Hanvey
Jonathan Edwards
Patrick Grady
Amy Callaghan
Navendu Mishra

Carol Monaghan

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 birthday

Tabled: **20/07/21** Signatories: **16**

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

Carol Monaghan

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 Day

Tabled: 21/07/21 Signatories: 28

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

Carol Monaghan

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 Gallagher

Tabled: 21/07/21 Signatories: 12

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

Patrick Grady

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 competition

Tabled: 21/07/21 Signatories: 11

Brendan O'Hara
 Jim Shannon
 Neale Hanvey
 Alison Thewliss
 Chris Stephens [R]
 Allan Dorans

Patrick Grady

Carol Monaghan

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: 11

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

Patrick Grady

Carol Monaghan

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: 11

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

Patrick Grady

Carol Monaghan

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 UKTabled: **21/07/21** Signatories: **26**

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

Carol Monaghan

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.

360 Accountability for Human Rights Abuses in The GambiaTabled: **21/07/21** Signatories: **17**

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

Patrick Grady

Douglas Chapman

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.

361 Review of HS2 works in the ChilternsTabled: **21/07/21** Signatories: **9**

Sarah Green
Jim Shannon
Tim Farron
Christine Jardine
Sarah Olney
Wendy Chamberlain

Claire Hanna

That this House calls for a review into the work on High Speed Rail 2 in the Chilterns; notes the concerns of Buckinghamshire residents, the Chiltern Society and local environmental groups about the potential damage caused to the chalk aquifer and the River Chess and Misbourne; expresses concern about the potential environmental impact on local drinking water and to the chalk streams; believes that an independent inquiry should be conducted and made public; and calls on HS2 Ltd to act with complete transparency in response to questions from local residents and organisations about their water supply and the local environment.

362 Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's report on women's state pension ageTabled: **22/07/21** Signatories: **14**

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

Claire Hanna

Carol Monaghan

Kenny MacAskill

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.

364 Glasgow City Mission Family Holiday ClubTabled: **22/07/21** Signatories: **9**

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

Patrick Grady

Carol Monaghan

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 policy

Tabled: **22/07/21** Signatories: **15**

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

Patrick Grady

Claire Hanna

Carol Monaghan

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.

372 Olympic medallists Duncan Scott and Tom Dean

Tabled: **18/08/21** Signatories: **7**

Alyn Smith
Marion Fellows
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Patrick Grady

Carol Monaghan

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.

374 NHS Lanarkshire's support for the armed forcesTabled: **18/08/21** Signatories: **3**

Margaret Ferrier
Chris Law
Carol Monaghan

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: **9**

Amy Callaghan
Marion Fellows
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Patrick Grady

Chris Stephens

Douglas Chapman

Carol Monaghan

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: **14**

Kirsten Oswald
Anne McLaughlin
Marion Fellows
Navendu Mishra
Mick Whitley
Paula Barker

Patrick Grady
 Carol Monaghan

Claire Hanna

Chris Stephens

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: 10

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

Patrick Grady

Claire Hanna

Carol Monaghan

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: 10

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

Patrick Grady

Chris Stephens

Carol Monaghan

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.

383 The Ministerial Code and the conduct of the Prime Minister

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 68

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

Christina Rees
 Nadia Whittome

Stuart C McDonald
 Wendy Chamberlain

Drew Hendry

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: 9

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

Patrick Grady

Chris Stephens

Douglas Chapman

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: 9

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

Chris Stephens

Carol Monaghan

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: 15

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

Patrick Grady
 Douglas Chapman

Claire Hanna
 Carol Monaghan

Chris Stephens

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: 40

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

Deidre Brock
 Douglas Chapman
 Kirsten Oswald
 Richard Thomson

Claire Hanna
 Carla Lockhart
 Sir George Howarth

Chris Stephens
 Hannah Bardell
 Margaret Ferrier

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: 4

Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens
Carol Monaghan

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 2021Tabled: **6/09/21** Signatories: **8**

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

Patrick Grady

Chris Stephens

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 LotteryTabled: **6/09/21** Signatories: **6**

Owen Thompson
 Marion Fellows
 Jim Shannon
 Chris Law
 Allan Dorans
 Chris Stephens

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 fundingTabled: **6/09/21** Signatories: **6**

Owen Thompson
 Marion Fellows
 Jim Shannon
 Chris Law
 Allan Dorans
 Chris Stephens

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: 9

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

Patrick Grady

Chris Stephens

Carol Monaghan

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: 11

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

Chris Stephens

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: 9

Grahame Morris
 Jim Shannon
 Dan Carden
 Mick Whitley
 Mohammad Yasin
 Allan Dorans

Chris Stephens

Paula Barker

Kenny MacAskill

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: 7

Douglas Chapman
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Chris Stephens

Carol Monaghan

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: 10

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

Marion Fellows

Claire Hanna

Chris Stephens

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: 7

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

Chris Stephens

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: 8

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

Chris Stephens

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: 12

Douglas Chapman
 Kenny MacAskill
 Marion Fellows
 Chris Law
 Jonathan Edwards
 Jim Shannon

Kirsten Oswald

Chris Stephens

John McNally

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: 8

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

Marion Fellows

Chris Stephens

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: 8

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

Patrick Grady

Chris Stephens

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: 6

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

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: 10

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

Marion Fellows

Chris Stephens

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 Open Doors' 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.

404 Emma RitchTabled: **8/09/21** Signatories: **4**

Anne McLaughlin
Patrick Grady
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans

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 dayTabled: **8/09/21** Signatories: **7**

Brendan O'Hara
Marion Fellows
Patrick Grady
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Carol Monaghan

Jim Shannon

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 chargesTabled: **8/09/21** Signatories: **12**

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

Grahame Morris
 Ian Byrne

Jon Trickett
 Jim Shannon

Chris Stephens
 Claudia Webbe

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 AberdeenTabled: **8/09/21** Signatories: **6**

Kirsty Blackman
Patrick Grady
Marion Fellows
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon

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 ParalympicsTabled: **8/09/21** Signatories: **7**

Kirsty Blackman
Patrick Grady
Marion Fellows
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Carol Monaghan

Jim Shannon

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 Funding

Tabled: 8/09/21 Signatories: 5

Douglas Chapman
Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans
Carol Monaghan
Jim Shannon

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 drivers

Tabled: 8/09/21 Signatories: 5

Daisy Cooper
Sarah Olney
Claire Hanna
Chris Stephens
Jim Shannon

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 Malta

Tabled: 8/09/21 Signatories: 5

Douglas Chapman
Marion Fellows
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon

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 Bureau

Tabled: **8/09/21** Signatories: **7**

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Patrick Grady
Marion Fellows
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Carol Monaghan

Jim Shannon

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: **6**

Patrick Grady
Marion Fellows
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Carol Monaghan
Jim Shannon

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 therapyTabled: **8/09/21** Signatories: **5**

Dr Lisa Cameron
Chris Stephens
Douglas Chapman
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon

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.