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Early Day Motions tabled on Friday 10 September 2021

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New EDMs

418 Scottish National Investment Bank support for Nova innovation

Tabled: 10/09/21 Signatories: 1

Douglas Chapman

That this House welcomes the £6.4 million funding package by the Scottish National Investment Bank (SNIB) to support Nova innovation, a Scottish company specialising in meeting global demand for tidal turbines; and further welcomes the company's determination to support the Scottish Net Zero supply chain and their commitment to manufacturing the core technology of their products in Scotland

419 Trodelvy

Tabled: 10/09/21 Signatories: 1

Mick Whitley

That this House welcomes the news that Trodelvy, a new treatment for women living with incurable metastatic triple negative breast cancer, has been licensed through Project Orbis for use in Great Britain; expresses concern that women now face a delay before they can access the drug and potentially miss out on extra months to live; further welcomes Breast Cancer Now's Time for Trodelvy campaign, which is supported by over 200,000 people; and urges Gilead, the drug's owner, to reach an agreement with NHS England to ensure all eligible women can access the drug immediately ahead of a NICE decision.

420 Introducing a Wealth Tax

Tabled: 10/09/21 Signatories: 12

Richard Burgon
 John McDonnell
 Jon Trickett
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Apsana Begum
 Zarah Sultana

Grahame Morris
 Ian Byrne

Tahir Ali
 Nadia Whittome

Ian Lavery
 Kate Osborne

That this House notes that almost a quarter of all household wealth in the UK is held by the richest one per cent. of the population; further notes that the wealth of UK billionaires increased by £106 billion since the start of the pandemic; believes that it is unjust that taxes on work are much greater than taxes on wealth; rejects the remarks by the Chancellor who stated in July 2020 that I do not believe that now is the time, or ever would be the time, for a wealth tax; notes that there are growing calls for wealth taxes both in the UK and around the world with United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres calling for governments to introduce wealth taxes to help reduce global inequality exacerbated by the covid-19 pandemic; notes that the UK Wealth Commission, made up of a team of over 50 experts on tax policy, concluded in their December 2020 report that a wealth tax would be preferential to raising taxes on incomes; and calls on the Government to introduce a wealth tax as a progressive alternative to raising taxes on working people.

421 Believe in Scotland Day of Action

Tabled: 10/09/21 Signatories: 1

Douglas Chapman

That this House welcomes the launch of the first Believe in Scotland mass Day of Action to be held on Saturday 18 September 2021 which will fire the starting gun on a major co-ordinated grassroots independence campaign in Scotland that will run until an independence referendum takes place; and further welcomes the determination of Believe in Scotland and over 100 YES groups to take a confident and positive message on Scotland's future as an independent country to every doorstep the length and breadth of the nation.

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.

340 Anniversary of bombings in Belfast

Tabled: 20/07/21 Signatories: 7

Jim Shannon
Gavin Robinson
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Sir Mike Penning
Stephen Farry
Paul Girvan

Bob Blackman

That this House sadly notes that 21 July 2021 marks the 49th Anniversary of the Bloody Friday Bombings in Belfast by the Provisional IRA; further notes the horrific acts of violence, some of the worst carried out by the IRA, including 20 bombs exploding in the space of 80 minutes, killing nine people and injuring over 130 more; notes the impact Bloody Friday has had on the mental and physical health of many friends and families of those victims to this day; and calls for justice and closure for people affected by those bombings.

376 Women's rights in Afghanistan

Tabled: 18/08/21 Signatories: 15

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

Stephen Farry

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.

383 The Ministerial Code and the conduct of the Prime Minister

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 72

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

Layla Moran

Ben Lake

Hywel Williams

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.

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

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 45

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

Alyn Smith

Mr Clive Betts

Carol Monaghan

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.

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

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 13

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

Stephen Farry

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: 10

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

Hywel Williams

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.

396 Ireland's Presidency of the UN Security Council

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 12

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

Stephen Farry

Hywel Williams

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.

399 World Electric Vehicle Day

Tabled: 7/09/21 Signatories: 14

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

Hywel Williams

John Nicolson

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.

402 Achievement of Team GB in the Paralympics

Tabled: 7/09/21 Signatories: 9

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

Bob Blackman

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: 13

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

Bob Blackman

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.

406 Prescription charges

Tabled: 8/09/21 Signatories: 16

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

Kate Osborne

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.

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

Tabled: 8/09/21 Signatories: 18

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

Alison Thewliss
 Kirsten Oswald
 Alan Brown
 Peter Grant

Martyn Day
 Stuart C McDonald
 David Linden

Anne McLaughlin
 Owen Thompson
 Brendan O'Hara

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: 6

Dr Lisa Cameron
Chris Stephens
Douglas Chapman
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows

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.

416 Adult social care workforce and Local Government

Tabled: 9/09/21

Signatories: 10

Paula Barker
Mick Whitley
Wera Hobhouse
Navendu Mishra
Kim Johnson
Dan Carden

Mike Amesbury
Ian Byrne [R]

Sir George Howarth

Kate Osborne

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.