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New EDMs

490 **Ban on trophy hunting imports (No. 2)**

Tabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **1**

Andrew Rosindell

That this House express its great sadness at the tragic death of Sir David Amess MP while serving his constituents; pays tribute to his many years of tireless service to the people of Basildon and Southend and to the many causes of which he was a powerful champion, including the welfare of animals; recalls that Sir David was most recently campaigning for a ban on trophy hunting imports into the UK, including the tabling of EDM86 entitled Ban on trophy hunting imports; notes that the Government first set out its plans to introduce such a ban in the Queen's Speech of October 2019; calls on the Government to now implement that ban as quickly as possible as a fitting tribute to Sir David; notes the strong support for such a ban among the general public, with opinion polls showing 85 per cent of voters wish to see a total ban on all trophy hunting imports; reiterates Sir David's call in EDM86 for the Government to ensure that legislation covers all species whose trophies are imported into the UK; and urges the Government to ensure that the legislation includes an effective enforcement regime with tough punitive measures for offenders including custodial sentences.

491 **Human rights violations in Eswatini**

Tabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **2**

Neale Hanvey
Kenny MacAskill

That this House is deeply concerned by the severe human rights violations in Eswatini, formerly Swaziland; notes that Amnesty International referred to the arrest in July 2021 of two pro-democracy MPs under the Suppression of Terrorism Act as vague and absolute fabrication and went on to observe they have committed no crime and have been targeted by the government solely for their political views; further notes that Freedom House have condemned the arrests as the latest

instance of Eswatini's ongoing crackdown on political dissent and the rights to free expression and association; is aware that dozens of people are believed to have been killed by the security forces during the subsequent protests; notes that heavy-handed responses by security forces in recent years also include the use by police of tear gas and water cannons to disperse a crowd of striking civil servants, and the prohibition of a proposed peaceful gathering by members of the Swazi Democratic Party; further notes the recent ban on the holding of demonstrations and the delivering of petitions to government officials, the recent imposition of a dusk-to-dawn curfew, and recent restriction on access to the internet; further notes that Eswatini is a member of the Commonwealth; and urges the UK Government to engage with the Eswatini administration and calls on the Eswatini authorities to carry out an investigation into reports of the use of excessive force and to ensure that the fundamental freedoms and basic human rights of all Eswatini citizens are fully respected.

492 **Baby Loss Awareness Week 2021**

Tabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **1**

Patricia Gibson

That this House recognises that Baby Loss Awareness Week took place from 9 to 15 October 2021; offers sincere sympathy to those families who have lost precious babies; acknowledges that stillbirth, miscarriage, and infant loss is a tragedy which governments across the UK must work to prevent; pays tribute to all the charities and organisations which support parents and families through the ordeal of losing a baby; and calls on the Government to ensure that greater support is offered to parents before, during and after the loss of their child.

493 **US-UK-Australia military pact**

Tabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **10**

Richard Burgon
Caroline Lucas
Liz Saville Roberts
Apsana Begum
Ian Byrne
Kim Johnson

Jeremy Corbyn
 Kenny MacAskill

Ms Diane Abbott

John McDonnell

That this House notes with concern the Prime Minister's announcement on 14 September 2021 of the AUKUS military pact; further notes that this is likely to escalate tension in the Far East and that military manoeuvres and sanctions in the Indo-Pacific region have already led to concerns about the threat of a new cold war with China; notes that this pact will enable Australia to develop, in collaboration with the UK and the US, a new capability of nuclear-powered submarines which will include the supply of weapons grade enriched uranium; notes that this is a dangerous move which contradicts the Prime Minister's statement that this will promote stability in the Indo-Pacific region; notes that supplying weapons grade uranium to a non-nuclear weapons state to power military submarines is in breach of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty which stipulates that exchange of nuclear technology must be for peaceful purposes; regrets that this is a breach of international law by this government; further regrets that this agreement is likely to increase rather than diminish the threat of war and nuclear proliferation in the region; and urges the Prime Minister to reconsider this agreement, to take appropriate steps to bring UK actions in line with the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and to promote stability in the Indo-Pacific region through diplomatic rather than military means.

494 Aviation noiseTabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **1****Sarah Olney**

That this House acknowledges the winding down of (Independent Commission on Civil Aviation Noise) ICCAN, the body established by the Department for Transport to provide independent representation for overflowed communities; laments the lack of representation overflowed communities will now have on aviation noise issues; accepts the importance of the public having both confidence in the noise data being published and trust in the impartiality of the airspace change process; recognises that it is not clear how the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) can now be both the regulator responsible for approving airspace change and provide independent analysis of the impacts on local communities; and calls on the Department for Transport to commit to establishing a new independent voice on aviation noise, provide clarity about which of ICCAN's functions are being transferred to the CAA and strengthen the CAA's statutory duties on noise to ensure it can deliver reductions in noise pollution.

495 Lakhvinder Ricky ReelTabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **24**

John McDonnell
Mr Virendra Sharma
Apsana Begum
Jeremy Corbyn
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Caroline Lucas

Kim Johnson
 Tony Lloyd
 Daisy Cooper
 Marsha De Cordova
 Zarah Sultana
 Ian Byrne

Andrew Gwynne
 Ian Lavery
 John Cryer
 Rebecca Long Bailey
 Richard Burgon
 Mary Kelly Foy

Alan Brown
 Paula Barker
 Dawn Butler
 Kate Osborne
 Lloyd Russell-Moyle
 Grahame Morris

That this House continues to express its heartfelt sympathy with the family of the late Lakhvinder Ricky Reel who died in suspicious circumstances in 1997 after being racially attacked in Kingston, Surrey; is appalled to learn that his family were spied upon by undercover police officers; acknowledges that over 100,000 people have signed a change.org petition urging a new police investigation; urges the Home Secretary to reopen the case to examine the circumstances surrounding Ricky's death on public interest grounds and to welcome the naming of a day in his honour as a mark of respect.

496 Alcohol strategyTabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **4**

Grahame Morris
Dan Carden
Tommy Sheppard
Christian Wakeford

That this House notes that Public Health England data revealed there were 6,983 alcohol-specific deaths in 2020, an increase of 20 per cent from the previous year; further notes that National Records of Scotland statistics showed there were 1,190 alcohol-specific deaths registered in 2020, representing a 17 per cent increase; recalls that the Alcohol Charter was launched on 16 October 2018 by the Drugs, Alcohol and Justice Cross-Party Group and APPG on Alcohol Harm, providing a

basis for an alcohol strategy; is concerned that three years have now passed without the publication of a strategy, during which time the situation has worsened significantly; and calls on the Government to issue an alcohol strategy without further delay.

497 **Abolishing VAT on energy bills**

Tabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **1**

Robert Halfon

That this House recognises the need to take back control of the UK's taxes following the UK's departure from the EU and abolish VAT on energy bills; notes that cutting VAT on energy bills to zero could save households up to £65 on their energy bills; further notes that during the 2016 EU referendum campaign both the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster stressed that energy bills would be lower after the UK left the EU; and calls on the Government to abolish VAT on energy bills and cut the cost of living for hard-pressed families across the UK.

498 **COP26 and the Glasgow Action Plan**

Tabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **1**

Rebecca Long Bailey

That this House acknowledges that the COP26 conference is the important moment when countries that have signed the Paris Agreement on climate change must present new targets for cutting greenhouse gas emissions; notes that this is critical for keeping temperature rises below 1.5 degrees Celcius and preventing the world's poorest communities suffering even worse catastrophes as a result of the climate emergency; and urges the Government to commit to the Glasgow Action Plan proposed by more than 60 British charities including The Climate Coalition, Bond and CAFOD, in a letter to the Prime Minister of 27 February 2020, including the five steps of getting countries to set new and ambitious climate targets, further supporting communities affected by climate change, doing more to protect the natural world and biodiversity, ending support for fossil fuels helping people get access to renewable energy, and introducing the policies and investment to get the UK on track to net-zero as fast as possible, without the use of international offsets, and with the majority of works and actions completed before 2030 to ensure the substantial majority of the UK's emissions reductions are achieved by 2030.

499 **White Ribbon Scotland funding from the Delivering Equally Safe Fund**

Tabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **1**

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates White Ribbon Scotland on its most recent funding award from the Scottish Government; celebrates that White Ribbon Scotland has been awarded £75,000 per year over the next two years from the Scottish Government's Delivering Equally Safe Fund; notes that this fund, which is running from 1st October 2021 to 30 September 2023, seeks to support third sector organisations and public bodies contribute to the objectives, priorities, and outcomes of the Equally Safe strategy to tackle violence against women and girls; recognises the stellar work done by White Ribbon Scotland engaging with men and boys to end violence against women, particularly in seeking to prevent violence before it happens; and calls on all men to take White Ribbon's promise to never commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women.

500 Stewart Brewing and the Scottish Beer Awards 2021

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates Stewart Brewing on being awarded gold medal in the Best IPA category at the 2021 Scottish Beer Awards for its New Relic; thanks Stewart Brewing for its contribution to Midlothian's reputation as a prime location for SMEs in the food and drinks sector; notes that the Scottish Beer Awards is an annual independent awards programme that seeks to recognise achievement in the brewing industry across Scotland; further notes that this year marked the sixth annual Scottish Beer awards which was held in person in Glasgow; and stresses the importance of the brewing sector to Scotland's economy by creating jobs, improving Scotland's international food and drink reputation and helping SMEs to flourish.

501 Cross Borders Brewing Company and the Scottish Beer Awards 2021

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates Cross Borders Brewing Company on being awarded bronze medal in the Best IPA category at the 2021 Scottish Beer Awards for its India Pale Ale; thanks Cross Borders for its contribution to Midlothian's reputation as a prime location for SMEs in the food and drinks sector; notes that the Scottish Beer Awards is an annual independent awards programme that seeks to recognise achievement in the brewing industry across Scotland; further notes that this year marked the sixth annual Scottish Beer awards which was held in person in Glasgow; and stresses the importance of the brewing sector to Scotland's economy by creating jobs, improving our international food and drink reputation and helping SMEs to flourish.

502 Bombay Spice award for best takeaway in Scotland

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates Bonnyrigg-based Indian and Bangladeshi takeaway Bombay Spice on being awarded Best Takeaway in Scotland at the Currylife Awards in London on 10 October 2021; understands that the awards seek to reward and recognise the very best of the UK's curry industry and those who show innovation and inspiration in their work; notes that Bombay Spice is part of an established group of award winning Indian Restaurants serving Midlothian and Edinburgh for a generation; sends congratulations to owner Ruhul Amin and his son and general manager Jamil Amin, who collected the award on his behalf; and expresses best wishes for the business' future to Bombay Spice and its staff.

503 Restoration Yard award for best store design at Drapers Independent Awards

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates Dalkeith-based Restoration Yard Store, Restaurant and Wellbeing Lab on being awarded Best Store Design at Drapers Independent Awards; understands that the awards ceremony, hosted by Drapers fashion business magazine, sought to celebrate the best of the UK's independent fashion retailers; notes that Restoration Yard is located in the renovated 18th Century stables within Dalkeith Country Park; further congratulates Restoration Yard on being shortlisted

for Best Use of Social Media and Best Customer Experience; and expresses best wishes for the business' future to the store and its staff.

504 Nourish Support Centre charity

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 1

Neale Hanvey

That this House recognises the exceptional support offered to parents of children with additional support needs by Nourish Support Centre, a charity set up by parents in Kirkcaldy to bring together families affected by disability, supplying information and links with other organisations as well as preventing isolation by providing a safe space for families to support each other to relax, share and offload; congratulates Nourish on reaching their £15,000 fundraising target to open their Support Centre in Kirkcaldy; acknowledges the tremendous work of their food support service providing food parcels for families with additional support needs who are struggling financially during the covid-19 pandemic and beyond; and celebrates the dedication of the families, volunteers and staff on their enthusiasm and hard work as part of the Nourish community.

505 Sewage pollution in National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 1

Tim Farron

That this House notes the appalling levels of raw sewage contaminating the UK's inland waters; is particularly concerned that untreated sewage was pumped into Lake Windermere for 1,719 hours—or 71 days—in 2020; notes that approximately 19.8 million people visit the Lake District each year; urges the Government to categorise Windermere and the Rothay, Brathay, and Kent rivers as designated bathing sites; encourages the Government to introduce a registration scheme for septic tanks and to provide the new Office for Environmental Protection the power to regulate them; and asks the Government to confer power on the Environment Agency to ensure that water companies take all reasonable steps to avoid discharging untreated sewage into inland waters within National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

506 East Lothian Foodbank Jingle Bags Appeal

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this House praises East Lothian Foodbank on launching their fourth annual Jingle Bags appeal to bring festive joy to families in need across the community this Christmas; understands that launching their Jingle Bags appeal in 2017 more than 1,354 bags containing mince pies, chocolates, Christmas crackers, Christmas pudding and more, have been handed out; commends the foodbank volunteers and the donators for their tangible efforts in making sure that the Jingle Bag appeal is a great success every year; and wishes East Lothian Foodbank the very best of luck with its future appeals.

507 Rotary Club Competition at Haddington Golf Club

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this House congratulates Haddington Golf Club on holding a successful golf event as part of Rotary Haddington's Annual competition, raising around £4,000 for projects throughout Haddington and further afield; understands that 44 two-person teams were battling it out in September 2021 to raise money for the community; acknowledges that many raffle prizes were also donated by members and friends of the Rotary Club; and wishes the best of luck to the Rotary Club on future fundraising efforts for the community.

508 South Western Railway timetable

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 2

**Marsha De Cordova
Ian Mearns**

That this House notes the timetable proposed by South Western Railway, due to be implemented in December 2022, would cut hundreds of peak and off-peak suburban and mainline services; further notes that the passenger surveys on which the reduced timetable is based were conducted at the beginning of the covid-19 pandemic and during national lockdowns, when passengers were warned against using the railway; expresses concern that the consultation fails to reference Network Rail's South West Mainline Study in sufficient detail, which provided detailed scenario planning for the South West Mainline alongside detailed projection of passenger demand and which in every scenario proposed to increase service levels and the number of trains per hour; acknowledges that this country is facing a climate crisis, is hosting COP26 climate talks, and that railways are vital in reducing climate emissions; recognises the need for a massive investment in public transport; and calls upon the Government to intervene to protect, maintain and enhance rail services.

509 Jenna Stewart, BBC's Young Composer of the Year

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 1

Stephen Flynn

That this House congratulates Jenna Stewart from Aberdeen on being named as the BBC's Young Composer of the Year in a competition run by BBC Radio 3 and the BBC Concert Orchestra; further congratulates her on being one of two winners in the senior category out of 529 entrants; recognises Jenna's creative talent using experimental soundscaping through the human voice to create an original composition; applauds Jenna for this very well-deserved recognition; and wishes her every success in her future career.

510 Work of the roadside rescue and recovery industry

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 1

Sir Mike Penning

That this House recognises the vital work of the roadside rescue and recovery industry which ensures roads are kept safe and clear; notes that part of the industry's work involves carrying out recovery and storage under the direction of the Police or highways authorities; notes that fees charged for this type of work are controlled by Government regulations and are known as Statutory Fees and that these were last reviewed in 2008; further notes that an increasing proportion of these fees are being taken by the police and highways authorities, notes it is common for the recovery operator undertaking the recovery work to receive a fraction of the actual Statutory Fee resulting

in a situation where operators receive less payment for a job than in 2008 despite Government guidance that these fees should not be a revenue generator for the police and highways authorities; recognises that the industry's ability to undertake work covered by Statutory Fees is at breaking point and that spiralling maintenance and other costs since 2008 combined with other issues such as the increasing popularity and costs of recovering Electric Vehicles are adding to the pressure; and urges Government to address these issues and ensure a fair system of Statutory Fees that defines the role and income of both authorities and operators, accounts for the costs and risks of recovering and storing electric vehicles and the costs of operating sophisticated SOCO compliant facilities required by the police.

511 Greyhound Retirement Scheme

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 1

Andrew Rosindell

That this House notes the success in its first year, of the Greyhound Board of Great Britain's (GBGB) Greyhound Retirement Scheme (GRS); celebrates that, in the last 12 months, nearly 9,000 greyhounds have been enrolled in the scheme and benefitted from their owners and GBGB providing financial support so that they can be successfully retired and rehomed; congratulates the 126 rehoming centres from across the animal welfare charity sector that have partnered the scheme in its first year and benefitted from the financial support and investment available through the GRS; notes that the GBGB has contributed over £1 million to the scheme funded primarily by the bookmaking industry; urges all UK bookmakers to build on their existing commitment to greyhound welfare by contributing at least 1.5 per cent of turnover to the British Greyhound Racing Fund; and congratulates families and dog lovers across the country on their choice of retired racing greyhounds as pets, giving these amazing, athletic dogs a forever home.

512 Suppression of democratic opposition in Turkey

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 1

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House calls on Turkey to end its attacks on democracy and democratically elected politicians, trade unions, human rights advocates, journalists, academics, and lawyers; notes the intensifying suppression and criminalisation of democratic opposition in Turkey by the AKP Government under President Erdogan; further notes that opposition MPs, particularly HDP representatives, trade unionists, and advocates for democracy are being imprisoned through dismantling the rule of law, removal of parliamentary protections and active intervention in the judicial decisions, the attacks on women's rights and the violence used against women protestors; notes that former co-leader HDP Selahattin Demirtas and activist Osman Kavala remain in prison despite lack of evidence and successfully appealing the prosecution's allegations; and further notes that the significant dismantling of democratic processes, freedom of speech and fundamental human rights must cease immediately.

513 Delays in the administration of the State Pension

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 1

Patricia Gibson

That this House is deeply concerned about the delays being experienced by new pensioners in receiving State Pension payments to which they are entitled, with many still to receive their payments over a month after reaching State Pension age; notes that pensioner poverty has recently risen to a 15-year high of 18 per cent, meaning that around 2.1 million pensioners across the UK

are now living in poverty; further notes that the State Pension is a lifeline for many and any delays in receiving payments have the potential to cause severe hardship; recognises that delays are particularly upsetting for women born in the 1950s who, after being forced to wait six years for their pension, finally reach State Pension age, only to find they face unacceptable delays due to poor service from the Department for Work and Pensions; and therefore calls on the Government to urgently investigate and address the ongoing delays in State Pension payments for new pensioners.

514 **60th Anniversary of the 165th Glasgow Boys Brigade**

Tabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **1**

David Linden

That this House congratulates the 165th Glasgow Boys Brigade for their recent service which commemorates their 60th anniversary; notes that the Boys Brigade celebrated the anniversary with a special service in the Easterhouse Parish Church, which saw Queen's Badge holders from across the years in attendance; further notes that the event was decorated by photos of members of the Boys Brigade from the last 60 years; and commends Graeme Barrie, Captain of the 165th Glasgow Boys Brigade, for organising the event and encouraging generations of previous members to join together to celebrate the anniversary.

515 **Estrellas Brillantes language club award**

Tabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **1**

Kirsten Oswald

That this House congratulates Rachel Peebles of Eaglesham on the success of her Spanish Language Club, Estrellas Brillantes, in achieving the prestigious Franchisee of the Year award at the Club Hub National Children's Activity Awards 2021 which were independently judged by a panel of experts from the children's activity field; notes that the award was attained because of the quality of her teaching, innovation, passion for her work, and growth of her business; recognises that Rachel and Estrellas Brillantes teaches Spanish to children from babies and toddlers to teenagers using La Jolie Ronde programme; appreciates that Rachel moved her lessons to Zoom during the covid-19 pandemic period to ensure they remained accessible to the local community; understands that in addition to her language lessons, her charity work was also commended by award judges; applauds the support Rachel gives alongside other local volunteers to a Ugandan Charity called Change Tomorrow who support education with practical support including classrooms, uniforms and workbooks, and a Bolivian charity called Fundación Totalí which provides low cost, quality health care in the community, and sports and education programmes for children; and wishes Estrellas Brillantes, Change Tomorrow and Fundación Totalí every continued success.

516 **Homely Scents business, Rutherglen**

Tabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **1**

Margaret Ferrier

That this House congratulates Rutherglen residents Stephen McConachie and Fiona Howell on the success of their cleaning business Homely Scents, which recently won the Scottish Prestige Award for New Cleaning Business of the Year; recognises the extensive work they have done to support charitable causes in the community as their business has grown; further recognises the difficulties faced by small businesses over the past eighteen months; and wishes them the very best in their future endeavours.

517 Employment rights and ASOS's human resources policies

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 9

Patricia Gibson
 Angela Crawley
 Kirsten Oswald
 Deidre Brock
 Alan Brown
 David Linden

Marion Fellows

Dr Philippa Whitford

Martin Docherty-Hughes

That this House commends highly the approach of online fashion retailer ASOS to support its staff during challenging health related life events as it introduces trailblazing new human resources policies; notes it is hugely impressed that ASOS employees will now receive ten days paid leave should they, their partner or a surrogate, suffer a pregnancy loss, in recognition of the impact such a loss can have on individuals, couples and families; salutes the fact that additional paid leave will now be provided to staff who are undergoing fertility treatment, and that this leave is not limited to a set number of cycles, is gender neutral and provides support consistently across all types of families; applauds the introduction of paid leave of up to six weeks for staff undergoing other major health related life events such as cancer treatment and escaping domestic abuse; welcomes the offer of flexible working to support staff going through the menopause, allowing them to work in a way that suits them while reducing the stigma around what can be a challenging time for many; congratulates the company on its enlightened approach to staff welfare, recognising the need for employees to be supported through periods of difficult personal circumstances; hopes keenly that other private sector businesses will be inspired to introduce similar policies; and urges the Government to introduce adequate statutory provision to ensure such support is not entirely dependent on the goodwill of employers.

518 Blantyre community group award

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 1

Margaret Ferrier

That this House congratulates Blantyre community group Bonnie Blantyre and pals on their win of the discretionary award for Community Involvement through Keep Scotland Beautiful Beautiful Scotland competition; recognises their sustained efforts, entering the competition for three years and maintaining their silver gilt status; commends the collective effort of the community in their work, from keeping the town clear of litter to creating a community garden; celebrates Tact Healthy Park and the Blantyre Miners' Community Garden's achievement of outstanding in the Keep Scotland Beautiful It's Your Neighbourhood initiative; and recognises all volunteers for their commitment to making Blantyre a wonderful place to live.

519 Regulation of the online pornography industry

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 1

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House is concerned by the lack of regulation of online pornography websites, which enable illegal and non-consensual videos to be uploaded as user-generated content and allows easy viewing access to children; notes that a recent representative survey by the Centre to End All Sexual Exploitation (CEASE) found that more than 80 per cent of the public want strict laws to ensure people featured in pornography have given their consent before videos can be uploaded; further notes that 86 per cent of the public would support laws to stop children viewing pornographic content online; is concerned that simulated abuse in pornography videos normalises sexual violence

and misogyny; and calls for the Government to introduce age verification for accessing pornography websites, and to use the Online Safety Bill to introduce regulation to ensure that pornography sites stop hosting legal but harmful and extreme pornography, and ensure that anyone featured in an online pornography video has given their express permission.

520 Automated external defibrillators and VAT

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 1

John Nicolson

That this House believes all automated external defibrillators should be exempt from VAT; acknowledges that this was not previously possible under EU laws; recognises that many local groups do not qualify for current exemptions, which puts further pressure on fundraising efforts; and requests that the Government reconsider their policy on this issue.

521 Work of nurseries and food production facilities

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 1

Robert Halfon

That this House recognises the vitally important work of the nurseries and food production facilities located in the Harlow constituency; further recognises the high quality of their produce; praises the fantastic efforts of the nursery employees; and calls upon the Government to pledge their support for these brilliant businesses.

522 £15 an hour minimum wage campaign

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 20

Jon Trickett

Andy McDonald

Ian Lavery

Rebecca Long Bailey

Jeremy Corbyn

Ms Diane Abbott

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Ian Byrne

Grahame Morris

Beth Winter

Nadia Whittome

Apsana Begum

Kate Osborne

Zarah Sultana

Kim Johnson

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

John McDonnell

Paula Barker

Ian Mearns

Richard Burgon

That this House congratulates Labour Party conference delegates for committing to support the policy of a £15 an hour minimum wage; notes that 14.5 million people in the country are living in poverty, the vast majority of whom are in working households; further notes that 5.5 million workers in the country are paid below the living wage including a third of key workers; believes that it is not possible to level up across the country without a significant increase in the pay, terms and conditions of workers; further believes that increasing the minimum wage to £15 an hour will lift huge numbers of working people out of poverty and create an environment for small businesses to thrive; and calls on the House to implement the Labour Party policy of a £15 an hour minimum wage.

523 Kinlochshiel Shinty Club Camanachd Cup winners

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 1

Ian Blackford

That this House warmly congratulates Kinlochshiel Shinty Club on its historic victory at this year's Camanachd Cup Final, where players lifted the title for the first time in the club's 63-year history after an impressive 3-1 triumph against 2015 cup winners Lovat; commends the performances of team members, particularly captain Keith MacRae who scored an outstanding hat-trick and defender Conor Cormack who was awarded the Albert Smith Medal for Man of the Match; notes that the Cup Final match at Mossfield Park in Oban attracted the largest crowd for many years, including a huge contingent of Kinlochshiel supporters who made a five-hour round trip to attend; recognises that this is a tremendous achievement for the Ross-shire club, managed by Johnston Gill and based in the small village of Balmacara near Kyle of Lochalsh; and wishes the club well in the forthcoming MacTavish Cup.

524 Mental health and wellbeing during the covid-19 pandemic

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 1

Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House pays tribute to the work of mental health organisations across the UK on their work during the covid-19 pandemic supporting the wellbeing of adults and children; congratulates Hidden Strength who have created a free online mental health platform for children and young people who are struggling with mental health problems and risk of self-harm; applauds their innovative online service that seeks to counteract the detrimental mental health impacts of social media harms on young people; and thanks those involved alongside all local organisations that are working to ensure mental health support across communities at the point of need.

525 VAT rate in the hospitality sector

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 1

Carla Lockhart

That this House recognises the ongoing impact of the covid-19 pandemic on the hospitality industry; acknowledges that the VAT reduction to 5% was a lifeline for the sector and is disappointed that this rate cannot be maintained beyond 30 September 2021; appreciates that a 12.5% rate is of real benefit in supporting the industry; recognises the industry is also experiencing unparalleled rises in the cost of doing business with utility costs having risen by over a third, food inflation running well beyond the reported 4% level, and with additional transport costs driving up the overall cost of consumables; and therefore calls on the Government to extend the 12.5% rate of VAT beyond March 2022, to at least September 2022, to enable the sector to continue to recover from the impact of covid-19.

526 Burger Island's success at British Takeaway Awards

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 1

Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates Burger Island in Burntisland on being crowned Best Takeaway in Scotland at the British Takeaway Awards 2021; notes that the Burger Island kiosk has been well established on the Links in Burntisland for almost three decades and that earlier this year the firm expanded to open a second outlet on the High Street; understands that the judges were particularly impressed with how the company supports local suppliers; pays credit to owners Raina and Stewart

Miller and Manager Michaela McLachlan on their efforts to expand their valued local business and further improve the variety of offerings on the thriving High Street in Burntisland; and wishes Burger Island continued success into the future.

527 Discounted Office Supplies Fife Business Awards success

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 1

Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates Discounted Office Supplies (DOS) on their success at the Fife Business Awards 2020; understands that the Dalgety Bay-based company was awarded the best performing business with under 10 employees accolade; notes that DOS is a family business run by Directors Roger and Chris Hunt supplying local firms with office furniture, janitorial supplies, workwear, PPE and consumable goods; pays credit to the firm on demonstrating a commitment to corporate social responsibility, having partnered with Forest Carbon to plant woodlands to offset carbon resulting from paper sales, and supporting various local charities; and wishes DOS continued success in the future.

528 Anniversary of the invasion of Famagusta

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 1

Bob Blackman

That this House supports the comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem based on a bi-communal, bi-zonal federation with political equality, as set out in the relevant Security Council Resolutions and the High Level Agreements; endorses the Declaration of the European Parliament of 14 February 2012 on the return of Famagusta to its lawful inhabitants; notes that the city of Famagusta in the Republic of Cyprus was captured by the invading Turkish forces in August 1974, that a section of Famagusta was then sealed off and remains uninhabited, under the direct control of the Turkish military, and that the return of Famagusta to its lawful inhabitants would facilitate efforts toward a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem; further notes the 1979 High Level Agreement and UN Security Council Resolutions 550 (1984) and 789 (1992) and the 2008 Report of the Committee on Petitions of the European Parliament on Petition 733/2004; calls on the Government of Turkey to act according to those UN Security Council Resolutions and Report Recommendations and return Famagusta to its lawful inhabitants, who must resettle under conditions of security and peace; calls on the Government to bring this motion to the attention of President Nicos Anastasiades, Mr Mustafa Akinci, the UN Secretary General and the Government of Turkey; and urges the Government, as a guarantor power of Cyprus, to call for Turkey's cooperation.

529 Haddington Pipe Band celebrate 40 years

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this House congratulates Haddington Pipe Band for celebrating their 40th year, which they are commemorating with a calendar that will be shipped to customers all over the world including Australia, India, Spain, USA, and more; understands that the pipe band attracts members from eight to eighty, with more than a dozen pipers and a number of drummers; sympathises with the band on not being able to celebrate their 40th year in the usual sense due to the covid-19 pandemic stopping them from being able to tour and play weddings and galas up and down the country; and wishes the Haddington Pipe Band another 40 years of success and the best of luck for their future.

530 Livingston cyclist Josh Quigley sets new Guinness World Record

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 1

Hannah Bardell

That this House notes that on 27 September 2021 Guinness World Records confirmed that 29 year old Josh Quigley from Livingston broke the record for the greatest distance cycled in one week, unpaced; understands that he did so by completing laps of an 80-mile route between Aberdeen and the Cairngorms, finishing at 04:00, beating the previous record holder Australian pro-cyclist Jack Thompson's record by clocking up 2,179.66 miles (3,508kms); he did so after being diagnosed with arthritis earlier this year which forced him to pull out of the record attempt in April; congratulates him on setting the new world record; and wishes him every success for the future.

531 Livingston gym Steve Marsden Fitness receives multiple industry awards

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 1

Hannah Bardell

That this House notes that Steve Marsden Fitness has been named Best Personal Training Specialist in Scotland by Prestige Awards, and Best Boutique Gym by the Health and Fitness Awards; recognises the remarkable turnaround given the impact that the covid-19 outbreak has had on the industry over the last 12 months; further notes that despite this the gym has increased membership by 200 per cent and created new jobs locally; notes that judges praised Steve Marsden Fitness for always leading from a position of knowledge and experience and its emphasis on providing on-going support and guidance to help individuals achieve their personal training goals; and congratulates the gym on their accolades and wishes him every success for the future.

532 West Lothian Council opens new Calderwood Primary School and early years nursery

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 1

Hannah Bardell

That this House notes the opening of the new Calderwood Primary School and early years nursery by West Lothian Council; recognises that this facility will enhance the education provision in the area which is one of West Lothian's top three core development areas with a significant number of new homes being built over the next 10 years; further notes that the new facility will provide a non-denominational primary school with initial capacity of 462 pupil places, and an early years nursery with an initial capacity of 128 child places; congratulates them in completing this project on time; and wishes them every success in the future.

533 Work of the Samaritans' local branch in Hamilton

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 1

Margaret Ferrier

That this House recognises the essential and emotionally sensitive work undertaken by volunteers at the Hamilton branch of the charity Samaritans; further recognises the significant contribution of volunteers over the last 18 months, which have sadly seen an increase in demand for their services, which they have worked hard to ensure continues to be provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week; notes the success of their many workstreams, which see them work with the local prison, with cross-disciplinary teams to identify areas of local concern so that services can provide targeted support, and provide extensive educational programmes and support across the community; celebrates the

commitment of their many volunteers, particularly those that have committed over 40 years of their lives to the cause; and wishes the branch every success in their future works.

534 James 'Midge' Ure Lifetime Achievement Award

Tabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **1**

Margaret Ferrier

That this House congratulates Cambuslang-born musician James 'Midge' Ure for his recent Lifetime Achievement Award at Scotland's Champions Ceremony; recognises his significant contributions to the music industry, having written and produced iconic songs that defined the new wave era; celebrates his outstanding charity work over several decades, spanning across a broad spectrum of causes; and recognises the esteem in which he is held across the UK and internationally.

535 Haddington Athletic Football Club litter pick

Tabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **1**

Kenny MacAskill

That this House praises the youngsters of Haddington Athletic Football Club, teamed up with social enterprise Lil, for switching their football boots for litter picks coinciding with Recycling Week and the Marine Conservation Society's Great British Beach Clean in the Haddington Litter Blitz; commends the initiative and efforts of the team and everyone who took part in picking up litter before and after their training around their playing facility; congratulates Haddington Athletic Football Club and Lil on their successful project, and thanks them for their tangible efforts in keeping their community clean.

536 In remembrance of Bruce McFee

Tabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **6**

Gavin Newlands
Alison Thewliss
Mhairi Black
Ian Blackford
Kirsten Oswald
Ronnie Cowan

That this House recognises the life of Bruce McFee, councillor, MSP, and campaigner following his recent death at the age of 60; notes his long-standing campaigning for Scottish independence over many decades starting with his joining the SNP at the age of 17; recalls his work in subsequent years as a stalwart of the party within Renfrewshire and as a key organiser across the area; recognises his electoral success as both a councillor and an MSP, including receiving over 75 per cent of the vote in his Renfrew District Council ward of Kilbarchan, and his subsequent election as MSP for the West of Scotland in 2003; further notes that this unprecedented success came at a time when success for other pro-independence campaigners was few and far between; acknowledges his tireless efforts in campaigning for and securing the use of advanced bio-mechanical rehabilitation in the UK to help children such as his son Marten, who lived with cerebral palsy until his tragic death in 2015; and conveys its sympathies to his wife, Iris, his surviving son Erik, and to all who knew and cherished Bruce throughout his life.

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.

445 Palliative care

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 28

Siobhain McDonagh
 Jim Shannon
 Paula Barker
 Dan Carden
 Jonathan Edwards
 Navendu Mishra

Kate Hollern

That this House notes with concern a recent report by Marie Curie which predicts a 42 per cent increase in demand for end-of-life care by 2040; acknowledges the lack of funding for palliative care in the UK; recognises the crucial role end-of-life care has played during the covid-19 pandemic; understands that palliative care services are under significant strain and as a result almost 15,000 people have died outside of hospital without the necessary support during the covid-19 outbreak; further recognises the continual increase in cost to provide these vital services; and therefore calls on the Government to bring forward plans to this House that resolves the social care crisis and provides sustainable funding for the palliative care sector.

450 Anthony Nolan and Blood Cancer Awareness Month

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 44

Marion Fellows
 Jim Shannon
 Layla Moran
 Navendu Mishra
 Margaret Ferrier
 Alison Thewliss

Dr Lisa Cameron

Mark Tami

Alan Brown

That this House recognises Blood Cancer Awareness Month from 1-30 September; notes its importance for raising awareness of blood cancers and the necessity of their early diagnosis to save lives; commends charitable organisations like Anthony Nolan and their campaign to amplify voices of blood cancer patients; recognises their Blood Cancer Awareness Month campaign to stop blood cancer patients being left behind as we come out of the pandemic; and further commends the staff at Anthony Nolan for continuing to provide advocacy, wellbeing and treatment support to blood cancer patients across Scotland and the UK during this challenging time.

456 Ringfenced radiotherapy funding

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 14

Tim Farron
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
John McDonnell
Sir George Howarth
Claire Hanna

Kate Hollern

That this House is deeply concerned by the scale and severity of the covid-19 induced cancer backlog; notes Macmillan's estimate that it will take the NHS 18 months, working at 110 per cent capacity, to clear the cancer backlog; recognises that the UK has one of the lowest cancer survivability rates in international league tables; further recognises that radiotherapy is a covid-19 safe and economical cancer treatment, costing between £4,000 and £7,000 per patient; further notes the UK's historic underfunding of radiotherapy technologies and the woeful 27 per cent treatment rate for UK patients, in comparison to the international standard of 60 per cent; calls on the Government to support the recommendations of the APPG for Radiotherapy's 2021 Manifesto Update; and and urges that £865 million of the new multi-billion-pound NHS funding package is ringfenced for investments which improve radiotherapy services.

476 Royal Parks cleaners and playground attendants dispute

Tabled: 22/09/21 Signatories: 15

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
John McDonnell
Grahame Morris
Chris Stephens
Apsana Begum
Ian Lavery

Navendu Mishra

That this House supports members of the Public and Commercial Services Union employed by Just Ask Estate Services Ltd at the Royal Parks in their dispute for employment equality and security; notes that the Royal Parks outsourced its public toilets and building cleaning contract to Just Ask Estate Services Ltd from Vinci Facilities in May 2021; is aware that 90 per cent of outsourced staff at the Royal Parks are black and migrant workers whilst 90 per cent of directly employed Royal Park staff are white; is alarmed that those outsourced key workers have worked throughout the covid-19 pandemic with no occupational sick pay, no ability to work from home and are now facing job losses and significant changes to their contracts; is further alarmed that the Royal Parks as the contracting authority has refused to intervene to resolve the dispute; further notes that Just Ask Estate Services Ltd have yet to set out their staffing plan despite giving unions a deadline of 9 September 2021 in which to meet and share the information; applauds the dedication and efforts of those key workers who have voted overwhelmingly to take further strike action during the month of October 2021; and calls on the management of the Royal Parks and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport to urgently intervene in that dispute and to work with all parties to secure a fair and equal resolution of that dispute.

479 Staffing reductions at the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency

Tabled: 22/09/21 Signatories: 37

Grahame Morris
Chris Stephens
Apsana Begum
Ms Diane Abbott
Jeremy Corbyn
Kim Johnson

Daisy Cooper

That this House acknowledges the work and dedication of staff employed across the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA); notes that the agency plays a leading role in protecting and improving public health and supports innovations through research and development; is aware that the MHRA has three centres employing almost 1,200 staff and has numerous vital responsibilities across the health sector, including the approval and safety standards of medicines, medical devices and blood components for transfusions; applauds the tireless efforts of the staff during the covid-19 pandemic to ensure the swift approval and distribution of covid-19 vaccines, test kits and ventilators, protecting millions of lives across the UK; is alarmed to learn that the MHRA is now facing staffing reductions of up to 20 per cent despite a greatly increased workload as a result of the UK leaving the EU and the covid-19 pandemic; is concerned that fewer staff will be asked to cover more ground with fewer resources whilst operating under a pay freeze; is further concerned that any loss of expertise in this agency will lead to poor and potentially unsafe decision-making in a highly specialised field; is particularly worried about the impact of the loss of the National Institute for Biological Standards and Control, which is well-renowned as a distinct centre of excellence; and calls on the Government to intervene immediately to ensure jobs are retained and a properly funded MHRA can continue with its world-leading work in this field.

480 Life and work of Tam Waterson, UNISON activist in the NHS

Tabled: 22/09/21 Signatories: 13

Chris Stephens
Owen Thompson
Paula Barker
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady

Navendu Mishra

That this House recognises the life and work of Tam Waterson, a UNISON activist for 35 years, who died on 9 September 2021; further recognises his work as a Senior Steward within Lothian Health Branch and as Chair of the UNISON Scottish Health Committee; sends condolences to his family at this time; recognises his tireless work representing the rights of NHS staff at local, Scottish and UK levels; notes his participation in the Scottish Government partnership structures and further notes that his valuable contributions within these structures were welcomed within these forums and helped inform key policies to support all staff in Scotland's NHS; believes that the health service in Scotland benefited from his dedicated service over the years; celebrates his work in his trade union activities; recognises the esteem in which he was held by his many friends and colleagues; and offers condolences, at this time, to all who knew him.

481 Campaign to secure the future of the Covid Memorial Wall

Tabled: 23/09/21 Signatories: 46

Afzal Khan
Jack Dromey
Paula Barker
Allan Dorans
Mr Virendra Sharma
Alison Thewliss

Navendu Mishra
 Emma Hardy
 Dan Carden

Dawn Butler
 Ian Lavery
 Paul Blomfield

Dr Lisa Cameron
 Stephen Kinnock

That this House welcomes the creation of the Covid Memorial Wall on Albert Embankment by Covid-19 Bereaved Families for Justice; notes that this memorial now includes over 150,000 hand-painted hearts to symbolise all those who lost their lives during the coronavirus pandemic; praises the work of Covid-19 Bereaved Families for Justice for supporting bereaved families during this time and extends its sympathies to all those grieving the loss of a loved one; thanks all the volunteers who have been working to restore the Covid Memorial Wall which has now begun to fade due to weather exposure; supports the calls for the Covid Memorial Wall to remain a permanent site of remembrance for all those died as a result of Covid-19; and hopes the Government will facilitate the continuation of the memorial site and secure its future.

483 Mandatory labelling system for plastic present in clothing and accessories

Tabled: 23/09/21 Signatories: 13

Ben Lake
Hywel Williams
Alison Thewliss
Sir Peter Bottomley
Wera Hobhouse
Liz Saville Roberts

Navendu Mishra

That this House notes the fashion industry's significant contribution to global plastic pollution; recognises that some 60 per cent of material made into clothing is plastic, with more than a third of all microplastics released into the ocean deriving from these synthetic fibres; further notes that some 70 million barrels of oil are used each year to make polyester; further recognises that a single clothes wash flushes an average of nine million microfibrils into our oceans; is concerned at a recent survey which found that 72 per cent of the UK public were not aware of the amount of plastic used to make clothing, and 66 per cent were not aware of clothing's impact on plastic pollution; backs campaign group A Plastic Planet's calls for transparency in the fashion industry on its use of plastic; believes that clear labelling is necessary to empower the public to make informed choices on whether to buy clothing based on its environmental impact; recognises that some 81 per cent of the UK public would like the Government to make it mandatory for brands to introduce a label that clearly shows if plastic is present in clothing and accessories; and calls on the Government to introduce this labelling system.

484 Clarkston gas explosion of 21 October 1971Tabled: **23/09/21** Signatories: **44**

Kirsten Oswald
Ian Blackford
Paula Barker
Patrick Grady
Alison Thewliss
Marion Fellows

Alan Brown
 Angus Brendan MacNeil
 Dave Doogan
 Gavin Newlands
 John McNally
 Martin Docherty-Hughes
 Owen Thompson
 Peter Grant
 Stephen Flynn
 Stuart C McDonald

Amy Callaghan
 Anne McLaughlin
 David Linden
 Hannah Bardell
 Kirsty Blackman
 Martyn Day
 Patricia Gibson
 Dr Philippa Whitford
 Stewart Hosie

Angela Crawley
 Chris Stephens
 Douglas Chapman
 Joanna Cherry
 Dr Lisa Cameron
 Mhairi Black
 Pete Wishart
 Ronnie Cowan
 Stewart Malcolm McDonald

That this House recalls, fifty years on, the dreadful events of 21 October 1971, when Scotland's worst peace-time explosion ripped through the Clarkston Toll shopping precinct, quickly reducing the shops to rubble; recognises the devastating impact on the local community, with 22 people losing their lives and more than 100 injured, and the grief this caused for so many families across Clarkston, East Renfrewshire and beyond; further recognises that the majority of the victims were women and that minimal compensation was paid to victims or the families of the deceased; expresses concern that the cause of the explosion, which was likened to the detonation of a 300 lb bomb, has never been identified despite a fatal accident inquiry lasting 19 days, and that no one was held accountable for this tragedy, despite the fact that in the days before the explosion shop workers had raised concerns about the smell of gas, and, despite no source being found, the all-clear was given to open the shops on the morning of 21 October; records its appreciation of the work of the emergency services, with firefighters and police officers, aided by volunteers, working to recover people from the debris, while doctors, nurses and a fleet of 22 ambulances battled to save as many as they could; commends those in the local community who have worked to commemorate the victims of this dreadful event, the losses from which are felt to this day; and notes that the community in Clarkston will never forget.

487 Protecting Nature Recovery AreasTabled: **23/09/21** Signatories: **10**

Caroline Lucas
Daisy Cooper
Wera Hobhouse
Dan Carden
Andrew Gwynne
Munira Wilson

Hilary Benn

This House is dismayed by Horsham District Council's proposed allocation of the Buck Barn site for a new development in its local plan which means that a planned Nature Recovery Area, linking the Knepp Estate with coastal and forest habitats, including St. Leonard's Forest and Ashdown Forest, to create a cross-Sussex wildlife corridor will be severely disrupted; notes that the Knepp Estate was cited as an outstanding example of nature regeneration in the 25 Year Environment Plan; further notes that that 25 Year Environment Plan proposed the creation of Nature Recovery Areas and that the Environment Bill requires the development of Local Nature Recovery Strategies; highlights the

contradiction between environmental and planning policies that will hinder the creation of a cross-Sussex Nature Recovery Area; further notes that Buck Barn has been identified by Sussex Wildlife Trust as a site of high strategic value for Horsham District Council's own nature recovery network plan; urges Horsham District Council to reverse its decision to allocate Buck Barn for development; recognises that nature is in decline across the country and that our future prosperity, security, health and wellbeing depend on reversing that decline; further recognises that the recovery of nature can only be achieved if planning policies align with environmental policies and further climate and nature goals; and calls on the Government to use the forthcoming Environment Bill and Planning Bill to achieve that alignment, ensuring that the planning system delineates nature recovery networks and protects nature-rich spaces.

488 **Congratulations to Asylum Link Merseyside**

Tabled: **23/09/21** Signatories: **5**

Paula Barker
Kim Johnson
Dan Carden
Margaret Ferrier
Navendu Mishra

That this House congratulates Asylum Link Merseyside in the constituency of Liverpool Wavertree, for being awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service; notes this is the most prestigious award in the country bestowed to voluntary groups, recognises that to win this award, groups must provide a service and meet the requirements of the local community, be supported and respected by the community, and be led by locals for nominations; congratulates the staff and volunteers of the centre who have worked under immense pressure given the current Government policy on asylum seekers and refugees and looks forward to their continued success in the years ahead.