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New EDMs

548 **Motherland Spice, Saltcoats**

Tabled: 20/10/21 Signatories: 1

Patricia Gibson

That this House congratulates Mr and Mrs Madhav and Radha Bhandari and family on the official opening of their beautifully refurbished Motherland Spice Indian-Nepalese restaurant in Bradshaw Street in Saltcoats; applauds the fact that this award winning restaurant is a proven local favourite which has built up a loyal clientele in Saltcoats and across North Ayrshire since it was first established in 2012 offering a range of high quality cuisine, a family friendly atmosphere with welcoming and efficient service; appreciates that Madhav Bhandari's business success is inspirational given his humble beginnings in Nepal, the son of a Gurkha soldier injured in the line of duty, who has through his hard work, diligence and determination earned the custom and respect of his clientele in his adopted home in Saltcoats; and wishes Motherland Spice, the Bhandari family and the dedicated restaurant staff continued success in providing delicious food for the people of Saltcoats, the Three Towns and beyond for many years to come.

549 **Broadcasting of Wales' rugby Autumn Internationals**

Tabled: 20/10/21 Signatories: 1

Ben Lake

That this House expresses its concern following the announcement that live coverage of Wales' rugby Autumn International fixtures will not be available on terrestrial television for the first time ever; notes that sport should belong to everyone, not just those who can afford it; further notes the significant role that Welsh language broadcasting of live sport plays in promoting the language and in particular as a gateway for learners; calls on the Government to address the disappearance of culturally significant live sporting events from free to air television by granting the Autumn

Internationals, Six Nations Championship and international football matches Category A status, under the 1996 broadcasting Act.

550 **Attack on ISKCON temple**

Tabled: **20/10/21** Signatories: **1**

Bob Blackman

That this House condemns the recent attacks and murders against religious minorities in Bangladesh, in particular the attack carried out on ISKCON temple in Noakhali; urges the Government of Bangladesh to take strong steps to tackle the increasing levels of violence against minority Hindu communities in that region and ensure their safety and security; and further urges the Government to call on the Government of Bangladesh to put perpetrators of violence against religious minorities in that region on trial as soon as possible.

551 **Making misogyny a hate crime**

Tabled: **20/10/21** Signatories: **2**

Wera Hobhouse
Christine Jardine

That this House expresses deep concern about the prevalence of violence against women and girls in our society; notes that, according to the 2021 UN Women UK YouGov survey, 71 per cent of women have experienced some form of sexual harassment in a public space and that this figure rises to 86% among women aged 18 to 24; further notes that, although 59,000 women reported being raped to the police last year, only 1,439 rapists were convicted; deeply regrets that, on average, a woman is killed by a man every three days, according to data from the Femicide Census; recognises that preventing violence against women and girls requires a culture change within the police, the criminal justice service and society as a whole; believes that recording misogyny as a hate crime would help identify trends in crimes motivated by gender, and support survivors to report incidents of rape and sexual assault; and calls on the Government to send a strong message that it is taking violence against women and girls seriously, by making misogyny a hate crime.

552 **Protection of religious minorities in Bangladesh**

Tabled: **20/10/21** Signatories: **1**

Bob Blackman

That this House condemns the recent attacks on religious minorities in Bangladesh; urges the Government of Bangladesh to take strong steps to tackle the increasing levels of violence against minority Hindu communities in that region and ensure their safety and security; and further urges the Government to encourage the Government of Bangladesh to put perpetrators of violence against religious minorities in that region on trial as soon as possible.

553 **Violence in Bangladesh**

Tabled: **20/10/21** Signatories: **1**

Mr Virendra Sharma

That this House notes the concerning rise in attacks on Hindus and other religious minorities in Bangladesh during the festival of Durga puja; is concerned by the violence that has left at least

seven dead of Muslim and Hindu faith; observes the deployment of paramilitary forces to 22 districts in Bangladesh; urges the Government of Bangladesh to act to ensure religious minorities can worship safely and in peace; and calls on the Government to support the safety of religious minorities and to work with regional allies and partners to support freedom of religion for all in South Asia and the world.

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.

86 Ban on trophy hunting imports

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 78

Navendu Mishra
Andrew Rosindell
Jonathan Edwards
Wera Hobhouse
Tracey Crouch
Carol Monaghan

Clive Lewis

Chris Law

That this House welcomes the Government's commitment to implementing a robust, comprehensive and world-leading ban on trophy hunting imports; agrees that the trophy hunting of animals, including those at risk of extinction, is morally reprehensible; notes the strong support for such a ban among the general public, with the most recent opinion poll showing 85 per cent of people wish to see a total ban on all trophy hunting imports; urges the Government to ensure that forthcoming legislation covers all species whose trophies are imported into Britain; and further urges the Government to ensure that the legislation proposes an effective enforcement regime with tough punitive measures for offenders including custodial sentences.

470 Nationality on electoral registration forms

Tabled: 22/09/21 Signatories: 9

Liz Saville Roberts
Caroline Lucas
Chris Stephens
Hywel Williams
Sir Peter Bottomley
Ben Lake

John McDonnell

That this House notes that it is not possible to identify as Welsh as a separate nationality on the electoral registration form or on the annual Household Enquiry Form; further notes that census data shows that 58 percent of the population in Wales identify as Welsh and not British; warns that this risks communities across Wales and the rest of the UK feeling disenfranchised and underrepresented; recognises the importance of ensuring that such forms reflect all the nationalities that make up the UK; and calls for an inquiry into the matter of nationality on electoral registration forms.

475 Annual Ayurveda Day

Tabled: 22/09/21 Signatories: 3

Bob Blackman
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell

That this House celebrates the Annual Ayurveda Day on 2nd November, first celebrated by the Government of India in 2016; notes that in the midst of an international health crisis, Ayurveda, the science (Veda) of life (Ayus), offers a time-tested tradition of holistic and multi-faceted approaches to health and wellbeing; acknowledges Ayurveda as an ancient system of natural healthcare; recognises the World Health Organization's recognition of Ayurveda's ethos and value to humanity as preventative and curative for a wide range of health conditions, both physical and mental; notes that health means wholeness and therefore a holistic approach to the promotion of health is needed, at the heart of which is a comprehensive health education programme to bring the individual and society to harmony; further notes that Ayurveda addresses well-being through personalised dietary and lifestyle management strategies that are specific to an individual's unique physical and psychological constitution in all stages of life; and urges the Government to ensure that in its long term planning for the National Health Service, with its stated commitment to prevention of ill-health and promotion of good health, is implemented through establishing a new Department of Natural and Integrative Healthcare to respond to the public's growing desire for freedom of choice in healthcare, and by providing natural healthcare education programmes in schools and colleges as a basis for improving the social and emotional wellbeing of all young people.

476 Royal Parks cleaners and playground attendants dispute

Tabled: 22/09/21 Signatories: 16

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

Paula Barker

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.

477 Loss and Damage Awareness Day 2021Tabled: **22/09/21** Signatories: **18**

Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon
Sarah Olney
Stephen Timms
Claire Hanna
Dr Philippa Whitford

John McDonnell

That this House welcomes the first ever Loss and Damage Awareness Day on 23 September 2021; recognises that many of the communities worst affected by loss and damage are also the world's poorest communities; recognises the obligations of developed countries to support developing countries to mitigate the disastrous impacts of climate change; believes that, as chair of COP26, the Government should ensure that developed countries fulfil their pledge to deliver at least \$100 billion per year to help developing countries decarbonise their economies and protect against climate impacts; and calls on the Government to ensure a just transition to a greener economy for those communities that are employed by the fossil fuel industry.

481 Campaign to secure the future of the Covid Memorial WallTabled: **23/09/21** Signatories: **50**

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

Clive Lewis
Mr Khalid Mahmood

Mhairi Black

John McDonnell

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: 15

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

John McDonnell

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 1971

Tabled: 23/09/21 Signatories: 47

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

John McDonnell

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: **12**

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

John McDonnell

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 MerseysideTabled: **23/09/21** Signatories: **7**

Paula Barker
Kim Johnson
Dan Carden
Margaret Ferrier
Navendu Mishra
Jim Shannon

John McDonnell

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.

489 Staff of hon. and Rt. hon. MembersTabled: **23/09/21** Signatories: **18**

Charlotte Nichols
Sir Peter Bottomley
Patrick Grady
Navendu Mishra
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Kate Osborne

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

John McDonnell

That this House recognises and celebrates the efforts of staff of hon. and Rt. hon. Members; applauds their efforts on behalf of constituents, particularly during the course of the covid-19 pandemic when workloads have increased enormously; specifically thanks caseworkers who have recently worked tirelessly to aid people stranded in Afghanistan in life-or-death circumstances; notes that their work often goes unappreciated behind the scenes in the offices of hon. and Rt. hon. Members; and believes staff need and deserve a pay rise.

490 Ban on trophy hunting imports (No. 2)Tabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **27**

Andrew Rosindell
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss
Hywel Williams
Christina Rees
Dr Lisa Cameron

Christian Wakeford
 Navendu Mishra
 John McDonnell

Kenny MacAskill
 Tony Lloyd

Ian Mearns
 Allan Dorans

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 EswatiniTabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **4**

Neale Hanvey
Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell

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 2021Tabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **39**

Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
Hannah Bardell
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Neale Hanvey

Anne McLaughlin
 Mhairi Black

Deidre Brock
 John McDonnell

Ian Mearns
 Sarah Olney

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 pactTabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **17**

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

Ian Mearns

Clive Lewis

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: **4**

Sarah Olney
Jim Shannon
Layla Moran
John McDonnell

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: **29**

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

Clive Lewis

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: **11**

Grahame Morris
Dan Carden
Tommy Sheppard
Christian Wakeford
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss

Ian Mearns

John McDonnell

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 billsTabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **4**

Robert Halfon
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss
John McDonnell

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: 27

Rebecca Long Bailey
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss
Kim Johnson
Dan Carden
Jonathan Edwards

Clive Lewis

Beth Winter

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.

504 Nourish Support Centre charity

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 3

Neale Hanvey
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell

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: 5

Tim Farron
Jim Shannon
Layla Moran
Jonathan Edwards
John McDonnell

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: 5

Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey
Margaret Ferrier
John McDonnell

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.

508 South Western Railway timetable

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 5

Marsha De Cordova
Ian Mearns
Jim Shannon
Grahame Morris
John McDonnell

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.

512 **Suppression of democratic opposition in Turkey**

Tabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **7**

Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Jim Shannon
Navendu Mishra
Kim Johnson
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Stephens

John McDonnell

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: **9**

Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Marion Fellows
Chris Law

John McDonnell

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.

517 Employment rights and ASOS's human resources policies

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 14

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

John McDonnell

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.

519 Regulation of the online pornography industry

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 3

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell

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: 7

John Nicolson
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Marion Fellows
Chris Law

John McDonnell

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.

524 Mental health and wellbeing during the covid-19 pandemic

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 8

Dr Lisa Cameron
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Chris Law
Jonathan Edwards

John McDonnell

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: 5

Carla Lockhart
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss
Paul Girvan
John McDonnell

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.

528 Anniversary of the invasion of Famagusta

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 3

Bob Blackman
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell

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.

533 Work of the Samaritans' local branch in Hamilton

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 4

Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey
John McDonnell

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.

537 Local community champion Andrew Dunlop

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 5

Peter Grant
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows
John McDonnell

That this House recognises the exceptional efforts of Andrew Dunlop, local man from Cardenden, in maintaining the area of Cardenden following the unprecedented flooding in August 2020 by clearing rivers of debris and rubbish; notes that he removed 85 tyres and 11 bikes from the River Ore following the flooding which has helped to significantly improve the state of the river and surrounding areas; further recognises his regular hard work both in the local area and further afield and gives thanks on behalf of the communities he has helped to benefit as well as local wildlife and the environment; congratulates Andrew on his nomination for Kingdom FM's Local Hero Awards for the category of Unsung Hero award; thanks Andrew for being an inspirational figure in the local community and for bringing recognition to his work as well as the thousands of volunteers across Fife who are members of the Fife Street Champions group in litter picking and keeping our communities clean and tidy; and wishes Andrew all the best with his future endeavours.

538 Ilasco/Keela Outdoors Glenrothes contribute to fight against covid-19

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 4

Peter Grant
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows

That this House gives thanks to Ardmel Group and Ilasco/Keela Outdoors, based in Glenrothes, for their efforts over the last year in supporting Scotland's NHS in the fight against covid-19 by producing PPE gowns for use by the NHS; highlights that in doing so they created around 50 jobs for local folk whose employment was impacted by the pandemic; thanks the staff for producing 15,000 gowns per week and setting up their manufacturing for this within an extremely short three week timeframe; notes the company's innovative way of working and their manufacturing machines that have made Ilasco/Keela a world leader in design engineering and manufacture of specialist machinery for the clothing, electronics and motorcar industries; recognises the hard work of the staff during this particularly difficult time; further highlights the efforts of the company in ensuring manufacturing continues to play a huge part in present day Glenrothes; and wishes them all the best for the continued future success of the business.

539 Positive Aging Month

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 5

Jim Shannon
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Sammy Wilson
Margaret Ferrier
Sir Mike Penning

That this House notes the Belfast Health Development Unit's Positive Aging month; highlights the aim of this month-long festival of events and activities to suit all tastes, from movies to walks, from chocolate tasting to disco dancing; further notes the emphasis on meeting safely and building up

relationships; and urges each Council and public health agency in the UK to promote positive aging and the benefit of communities coming together.

540 Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 9

Jim Shannon
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Sammy Wilson
Clive Lewis
Layla Moran
Sir Mike Penning

Ian Mearns

Jonathan Edwards

John McDonnell

That this House notes Breast Cancer Awareness Month; further notes the symptoms and signs of breast cancer which everyone should be aware of; highlights the fact that breast cancer is also found in men and the first sign is usually a lump on the chest; highlights that early diagnosis is the key to successful treatment; and encourages men and women who have any concerns to make a face to face appointment with their GP to be checked out as a matter of urgency;

541 Diane Braid

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 4

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows

That this House recognises the 28 years of dedicated service by Diane Braid to the learning community of Kilpatrick School, a specialist establishment providing education from birth to 18 years of age for 158 children and young people with additional support needs and Kilpatrick Early Years Service which offers sessions for babies and children from 0-3 years of age; thanks Diane for her hard work and commitment to the children and young people of Kilpatrick School who come from all over West Dunbartonshire; and wishes her a very happy retirement.

542 Vivid Roots Collective

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 4

Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows

That this House recognises the important goal of the Vivid Roots Collective which aims to stem the flow of emerging artists from the Highlands and Islands; congratulates the Inverness College UHI alumni's theatre Collective for successfully raising £1,100 to support new artists and the creation of original works which tackle social and women's issues; appreciates the importance of keeping homegrown talent in the Highlands and Islands; and wishes creators Laura Walker, Keira Smith, Sophie Bender and Sophie Wink success in the future.

543 Black History Month 2021

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 12

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Caroline Lucas
Clive Lewis
Liz Saville Roberts
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake

Navendu Mishra
 Jonathan Edwards

Wera Hobhouse
 Beth Winter

Ian Mearns
 John McDonnell

That this House notes that this month we celebrate Black History Month 2021 and welcomes the many events and initiatives across the UK that highlight the successes and contributions of Black British people to British history; gives special thanks to all teachers and education staff who are taking steps to put Black history on the curriculum this month and all-year round; notes the theme of this year's Black History Month, Proud to Be; recognises the significance of such a theme and the importance of ensuring that Black and Brown people are made to feel proud of their ethnic heritage, cultural history and the language of their ancestors; and further notes that teaching about Black history is integral to this; and calls on the Government to take steps to ensure that Black history is acknowledged, taught and celebrated all year round and not restricted to just one month in the year.

544 Green New Deal Bill

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 11

Caroline Lucas
Clive Lewis
Zarah Sultana
Wera Hobhouse
Claire Hanna
Stephen Farry

Beth Winter

John McDonnell

Kenny MacAskill

That this House notes the lack of a sufficient and comprehensive Government plan to decarbonise the UK economy in response to the climate and nature emergencies; recognises public support for bolder and faster action; and calls on the Government to support the Green New Deal Bill, formally known as the Decarbonisation and Economic Strategy Bill, which will introduce legally binding targets in line with the UK's commitment to stay within 1.5 degrees of global heating, reverse inequality, protect and restore nature and the environment, implement new measures of progress that prioritise human and ecological wellbeing in line with the recommendations of the Treasury-commissioned Dasgupta Review, change the way Government manages the economy to enable unprecedented investment in the Green New Deal, end investment in fossil fuels and establish a comprehensive action plan to transform the UK's energy supply, transport system, farming, land management, homes, buildings, green spaces and the way of working, creating millions of good green jobs across the UK, involve communities, trade unions and workers in the development of the plan, ensuring a just transition by prioritising investment in communities excluded from full participation in the economy and those working in today's high-emissions sectors, enhance the democratic power and resources of devolved governments, local authorities and elected mayors, increase democratic ownership in key sectors including energy, water, transport and mail and advance global justice by ensuring finance and technology for the global South and by promoting the Green New Deal globally.

545 DVLA waiting times

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 6

Sarah Olney
Layla Moran
Sir Mike Penning
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Kenny MacAskill

That this House is dismayed by the growing backlog of licence applications at the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency; recognises that the ability to drive is vital to many people's capacity to work and pursue the life of their choice; understands that the pandemic has caused unprecedented disruptions to the work of the DVLA; notes that over 125,000 paper licence applications are waiting to be processed, while 1.4 million items of correspondence by post remain unopened; further notes the sharp increase in the size of the backlog since the beginning of the pandemic; acknowledges that licence and licence renewal applicants are currently facing processing delays of up to 10 weeks; highlights with concern the unique burden placed on those with medical conditions who require their medical forms to be physically processed, whose processing times are up to six months; calls upon the Government to mobilise the resources necessary to clear the backlog at the DVLA, and supports the return of reliable, efficient, and covid-safe services to all British drivers.

546 The Shetland Bus

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 3

Mr Alistair Carmichael
Layla Moran
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the passing of Jakob Strandheim, the last surviving crew member of the Shetland Bus operations during the Second World War; notes that the Shetland Bus operations comprised almost 200 missions, transporting hundreds of refugees out of occupied Norway to Shetland and moving agents, supplies and equipment into Norway to support resistance actions; further acknowledges that such resistance operations may have kept as many as 350,000 Axis troops diverted during the War, providing invaluable benefit to the Allied cause; and further recognises that with Jakob's passing, there is a still-greater need to commemorate and learn from the events of the War as it passes from living memory.

547 UK CAA Flight Crew Licences

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 5

Douglas Chapman
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
John McDonnell

That this House calls on the Government to negotiate a post Brexit reciprocal agreement between the UK and EU regarding the transfer of UK CAA Flight Crew Licences to EASA member states licences; further calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to put in place immediate financial support to help with the licence conversion costs to support the UK economy and prevent many more UK licensed pilots from losing their jobs, or being unable to secure highly-trained positions over their EU/EASA licensed counterparts; and requests the Chancellor considers other financial support for the Aviation Industry while it recovers beyond Brexit and covid-19 and strives to build resilience to cope with future changes to the industry.