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Early Day Motions tabled on Friday 22 October 2021

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New EDMs

566 Covid-19 plan B measures

Tabled: 22/10/21 Signatories: 3

Ms Diane Abbott
Richard Burgon
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House notes that there is once more a surge in new covid-19 cases and that both hospitalisations and deaths are rising; further notes that the UK's data is currently far in excess of comparable countries in Western Europe; believes that a failure to respond to this situation is reckless and unsustainable; notes that the increase in cases presents severe challenges to the NHS even before the winter flu season has begun; notes that the Government has developed a Plan B to put in place some preventative measures but has taken no new action in response to the current upsurge; and calls on the Government to introduce Plan B immediately.

567 Forced conversions and forced marriages of minor Christian and Hindu girls in Pakistan

Tabled: 22/10/21 Signatories: 2

Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart

That this House recalls that on 13 October 2021 a Pakistani parliamentary committee formed to consider the forced conversions and forced marriages of minor Christian and Hindu girl in Pakistan rejected a draft Bill to protect the victims of such crimes, regrets that the concerns and evidence of such crimes were ignored; notes that the forced conversion is not allowed in Islam and the proposed Bill would have been a tool to enforce that ban; is seriously alarmed that despite signing several human rights treaties to protect the rights of girls and children the Pakistani Government is failing to protect Hindu and Christian girls from that crime; and calls on the UK Government to raise that

specific issue at the UN Human Rights Council and other UN forums to ensure justice for the victims and their families.

568 Remembrance Day Bank Holiday

Tabled: 22/10/21 Signatories: 1

Jamie Stone

That this House remembers the sacrifice and service of all those personnel who have served and are serving in the British armed forces; acknowledges the huge sacrifices made by all those individuals and in particular those who were injured or lost their lives during the course of their service; and calls on the Government to commemorate UK service personnel by making the day after Remembrance Sunday a public holiday.

569 Outsourced workers at City University, London

Tabled: 22/10/21 Signatories: 1

John McDonnell

That this House believes that all workers in the UK's universities and colleges deserve the real Living Wage as a minimum rate and to be treated with respect and dignity at work including having access to occupational sick pay and a decent pension scheme; regrets that people employed in ancillary roles such as cleaning and catering and outsourced to private contractors face a struggle to defend their basic pay, terms and conditions at work especially when compared to directly employed colleagues in the university sector; notes that such workers are far more likely to be female and/or to come from Black and Minority Ethnic and recent migrant backgrounds; further notes that support staff employed by the French-based multinational Sodexo and Julius Rutherford & Co at City University, London are currently eligible for limited statutory sick pay and an inferior pension scheme, while City University's administration has indicated it will not insource those workers or ensure parity of such basic employment rights; and gives its full support and solidarity to the campaign by City University branch of the UNISON trade union to secure parity of terms and conditions with university employees and the transfer of those workers to direct employment by the university at the earliest opportunity.

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.

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

Tabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **33**

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

Marsha De Cordova

Sir Greg Knight

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.

553 **Violence in Bangladesh**

Tabled: **20/10/21** Signatories: **5**

Mr Virendra Sharma
Mohammad Yasin
Navendu Mishra
Paula Barker
Stephen Timms

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.

557 Paul McNeill awarded for Outstanding Contribution to Education for Dyslexia

Tabled: 21/10/21 Signatories: 2

**Amy Callaghan
Marion Fellows**

That this House congratulates East Dunbartonshire resident, Paul McNeill, on winning the prestigious award of Outstanding Contribution to Education for Dyslexia at the Potential Unlock Awards 2021; understands that Mr McNeill, his wife, Julie McNeill, and author/illustrator Rossie Stone recently published the book Mission Dyslexia which aims to provide a fun, interactive way for families and children to develop their own strategies for learning; recognises that Mr McNeill draws on his own experiences growing up with dyslexia to help make a difference and serves as an inspiration to many; notes that Mission Dyslexia has been received as a high quality SEN resource by families and educational practitioners across the UK; thanks all those who have supported Mr and Mrs McNeill's efforts with this project; and looks forward to seeing what they will continue to achieve through their activism and future publications.

558 Commemoration of John Bateman

Tabled: 21/10/21 Signatories: 2

**Amy Callaghan
Marion Fellows**

That this House commemorates the work of engineer John Bateman who revolutionised the Greater Glasgow Area's water supply, ridding the city of typhoid and cholera in the 1850s; notes the campaign from East Dunbartonshire group Friends of Milngavie Reservoir and the Institution of Civil Engineers to have Mr Bateman commemorated; understands that a new plaque has been unveiled at Mugdock Reservoir in Milngavie to commemorate Mr Bateman; and thanks all those who continue to pay tribute to John Bateman and the significant contribution he made to the water industry and Greater Glasgow.

559 Scottish Space Strategy

Tabled: 21/10/21 Signatories: 2

**Douglas Chapman
Marion Fellows**

That this House welcomes the Scottish Space Strategy announcement made by the Scottish Government at Expo 2020 in Dubai to position Scotland as a global leader for commercial space developments and its intention to collaborate with enterprise agencies, industry group Space Scotland and the Scottish Space Academic Forum to create an ambitious space industry ecosystem in Scotland; and further welcomes support for space-related exports, to create the largest launch capability in Europe and the intention to develop a world-leading environmental strategy for Scotland's space industry, from reducing emissions to supporting the use of satellite data for environmental monitoring.