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New EDMs

678 Protections for shop workers

Tabled: 22/11/21 Signatories: 1

Robert Halfon

That this House recognises the need to protect shop workers; further recognises that shop workers are too often subjected to abuse, threat and assault; acknowledges the difficulties experienced by hardworking employees such as residents in the constituency of Harlow, who have faced such behaviour; praises the incredibly important service that shop workers provide; and calls upon the Government to go further to raise awareness of this significant issue.

679 Murder of WPC Yvonne Fletcher

Tabled: 22/11/21 Signatories: 1

Allan Dorans

That this House recalls that on 17 April 1984, WPC Yvonne Fletcher, aged 25, was shot in the back and murdered from inside the Libyan Embassy while policing a political demonstration; notes that no one has ever been charged in connection with her death, despite there being an individual identified as Saleh Mabrouk suspected of involvement in her murder; further notes that in 2017 the Government refused to allow the release of certain evidence to the Crown Prosecution Service, on the grounds of national security which would potentially have allowed Mr Mabrouk to be prosecuted in a criminal court; notes that former police officer John Murray, who was with Yvonne when she was murdered, and to whom he pledged that he would bring those responsible to justice, has campaigned relentlessly for justice for Yvonne for 37 years and on 16 November 2021, won an outstanding victory at the Royal Courts of Justice; notes the judgment delivered by the Hon. Mr Justice Martin Spencer determined that Mr Mabrouk, together with others, was jointly responsible for Yvonne's death; further notes that it is shameful that the Government has not in any way

assisted or supported Mr Murray in his campaign for justice for Yvonne; and calls for an inquiry into why the evidence was withheld from the CPS in 2017 and a review of the previously withheld evidence as to whether it can now be safely released with a view to considering a prosecution of Mr Mabrouk in a criminal court.

680 Charity lottery £50 million annual sales limit

Tabled: 22/11/21 Signatories: 1

John Nicolson

That this House acknowledges the success of the charity lottery annual sales limit being raised to £50 million and the per draw limit being raised to £5 million; notes these important reforms have freed up millions of pounds of funding for good causes across the country, which has proven especially valuable during the pandemic; notes charity lotteries still face a heavy administrative and bureaucratic burden, hindering their ability to raise as much as possible for good causes; further notes that further reform introducing a £100 million annual sales limit was the recommendation of the Gambling Commission and was the Government's preferred option during consultation on charity lottery reform; notes that raising the annual sales limit to £100 million would help free up even more funding for good causes; and calls on the Government to proceed with this next stage of reform as soon as possible to futureproof the fundraising capability of the sector.

681 Invinity Energy Systems

Tabled: 22/11/21 Signatories: 1

Martyn Day

That this House congratulates Invinity Energy Systems on their new flow battery manufacturing facility in Bathgate; recognises that their innovative flow batteries store energy from renewable sources and are inherently safe and non-flammable, last for decades without degrading, allow unlimited cycling, and are proven in commercial installations around the world; notes that the company's growing commercial success has led to partnerships with EDF, Siemens Gamesa, Scottish Water, the California Energy Commission and Wärtsilä; further notes that the company has expanded significantly in the past year including creating 25 new green jobs in Bathgate, with many employees transferring skills from the oil and gas industry to support the energy transition; and further recognises Invinity's commitment to reducing carbon emissions.

682 Fundraising for Cornerstone Charity

Tabled: 22/11/21 Signatories: 1

Ms Anum Qaisar

That this House congratulates the fundraising efforts of Airdrie and Shotts Constituent Beth McPhee in raising funds for the charity, Cornerstone; highlights the over £500 raised by Beth through bake sales; understands that Beth raised funds for Cornerstone after her grandfather received care and support from the charity; and wishes Beth all the best in her continuing fundraising efforts.

683 Disability inclusive employment strategy

Tabled: 22/11/21 Signatories: 1

Wera Hobhouse

That this House expresses concern that the covid-19 pandemic is still disproportionately affecting the financial security and working status of disabled people across the UK; highlights the recent report by the charity Leonard Cheshire, which found that 69 per cent of disabled people have had their work impacted by the pandemic, rising to 89 per cent among disabled 18-24 year olds; expresses further concern at Leonard Cheshire's findings about employer attitudes, which show that 1 in 5 employers are less likely to hire a disabled person; believes that disabled people must not be left behind as the UK rebuilds from the pandemic; and calls on the Government to increase efforts to support disabled people by adopting Leonard Cheshire's recommendations, including dedicated employment support for disabled jobseekers, promotion of Access to Work to employers and employees and introducing mandatory reporting for large employers on their performance in employing disabled people.

684 Family Business Week 2021

Tabled: 22/11/21 Signatories: 1

Mr Alistair Carmichael

That this House supports Family Business Week 2021, a week-long celebration of family businesses and local communities across the UK; notes that family-owned and -run business are often some of the most vital to communities both rural and urban, providing both economic growth and social support; calls on the Government to ensure that small family businesses have the best possible chance to recover following the pandemic; and recognises the role of the Institute for Family Business in organising and amplifying this event.

685 Living wage and Grandview and Mains Care Homes

Tabled: 22/11/21 Signatories: 1

Drew Hendry

That this House congratulates the team at Grandview and Mains Care Homes on receiving the Living Wage Scotland Trailblazer award 2021; in doing so recognises the incredible work that this family run business has put in to become a stand out employer in the care sector and their commitment to pay staff the real living wage; and commends the efforts of the entire team for their commitment to the communities they serve, especially in light of the challenges they have faced during the covid-19 pandemic.

686 Near net-zero status - Nairn Community Arts Centre

Tabled: 22/11/21 Signatories: 1

Drew Hendry

That this House congratulates Sam Morrison, Centre Manager, Bob Ferenth, Centre Director and the team at the Nairn Community Arts Centre on their near net-zero status; recognises the importance of setting this standard for businesses in the Highlands and becoming the greenest building in Nairn, notes that the Nairn Community Art Centre now generates 90 per cent of its annual electricity requirements; and further recognises that the support and advice from Zero Waste Scotland has helped the charity complete a five-year programme to reduce their reliance on fossil fuels in just two years.

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.

636 World Diabetes Day

Tabled: 9/11/21 Signatories: 13

Carla Lockhart
 Andrew Gwynne
 Sir Mike Penning [R]
 Jim Shannon
 Hywel Williams
 Liz Saville Roberts

Paul Girvan

That this House recognises the theme of World Diabetes Day on 14 November 2021 is Access to Diabetes Care; expresses concern that millions of people with diabetes around the world do not have access to diabetes care; that people with diabetes require ongoing care and support to manage their condition and avoid complications; and therefore calls on the Government to increase investment in diabetes care and prevention, and broaden access to medicines to more of the 460 million people living with diabetes and the millions more at risk around the world.

646 Willie Taylor, Ellon Pipe Band

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 10

Richard Thomson
 Douglas Chapman
 Jim Shannon
 Patrick Grady
 Chris Law
 Marion Fellows

Kirsten Oswald

Dave Doogan

That this House acknowledges the hugely significant voluntary contribution of Mr Willie Taylor of Oldmeldrum, Aberdeenshire to the success and ongoing development of the Ellon Pipe Band; further recognises Mr Taylor's pivotal role in developing the long-standing partnership between the Ellon Pipe Band and the Koninklijke Harmonie Concordia silver band from Maaseik, Belgium; and wishes him well as he retires from the Ellon Pipe Band after 38 years of service to the band and to community life in the Ellon area and beyond.

647 Pension treatment of women born in the 1950s

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 10

Neale Hanvey
 Jim Shannon
 Jonathan Edwards
 Jeremy Corbyn
 Kenny MacAskill
 Christine Jardine

Liz Saville Roberts

Hywel Williams

Ben Lake

That this House notes with concern the continuing unfair pension treatment of 1950s-born WASPI women; further notes many WASPI women within the Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath constituency received no prior notice that their pensionable age and eligibility was to be altered in such a significant manner; draws attention to the ongoing injustice of a situation which has pushed many hard working women into poverty, despite taking all reasonable steps to plan and prepare for their retirement; recognises the heroic efforts of WASPI women across Scotland to draw attention to this injustice; calls on the Government to put right this injustice and to provide comprehensive compensation for WASPI women; recognises the mental, physical and emotional toll of the unexpected additional years of work on their wellbeing; and urges hon. Members to support WASPI women at every available opportunity.

651 Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 51

Caroline Lucas
 Jim Shannon
 Jamie Stone
 Clive Lewis
 Dr Rupa Huq
 Anne McLaughlin

Kirsten Oswald

That this House notes the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACSR) was announced on 18 August 2021; further notes that hon. Members are still receiving desperate messages for help and that Ministerial replies to queries make repeated reference to the scheme; is concerned that three months later the ACRS is still not open to applications and that vulnerable people seeking safety from the Taliban, and for whom the UK has a responsibility, are therefore not able to access it; is further concerned that the 5,000 cap on the number of people who can be helped by the scheme in the first year is insufficient and that there's every likelihood those places will already be filled by, for example, people evacuated to the UK via Operation Pitting or who have crossed the border into refugee camps in neighbouring countries, with knock on implications for the Afghan national family members of our constituents; and calls on the Government to open the ACRS without any further delays and to significantly increase the number of people eligible, starting with bringing forward the overall 20,000 cap to the first year.

653 Student loan repayment threshold

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 28

Jon Trickett
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Ian Lavery
Nadia Whittome
Caroline Lucas
Jim Shannon

Helen Hayes

That this House expresses its concern about proposals to lower the threshold at which students repay their student loans; notes that the average student leaves university with £50,000 worth of debt and is currently required to start paying off their student loan when they earn £27,295 a year; further notes that under new proposals this would drop to as low as £22,000 a year; recognises that this would mean a significant increase in debt repayments for most graduates with those earning above the average salary paying up to £475 more a year; further recognises that young people are already being hit the hardest by the recent increase in National Insurance Contributions and this latest proposal will mean that university leavers pay double the amount of tax as pensioners earning double their salary; regrets that this pitches current and future students against those generations who benefited from a more affordable higher education; believes that higher education is a vital public good that benefits the whole of society and that the burden of costs should fall on the wealthiest; calls on the Government to scrap their current proposals to lower the threshold at which students start repaying their student loans and to bring forward new proposals that reduce student debts; and further calls on the Government to review the funding system for higher education and to examine the possibility of abolishing tuition fees and funding higher education through wealth and income taxes.

655 Debt cancellation and climate change

Tabled: 16/11/21 Signatories: 25

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Ian Mearns
Jonathan Edwards
Ian Lavery
Caroline Lucas
Claudia Webbe

Rebecca Long Bailey

That this House recognises that countries in the global South are being forced to confront the climate emergency with both hands tied behind their back; notes that low-income countries are responsible for less than 1 per cent of the world's historic carbon emissions but now face some of the most devastating impacts of climate breakdown; further notes a recent analysis from the Jubilee Debt Campaign which found that 34 of the world's poorest countries are spending £21.4 billion on debt payments a year compared with £3.9 billion on measures to tackle the climate emergency; notes a peer-reviewed study published by Springer which estimates that the cost of climate-related loss and damage in the global South alone will be between \$290 billion and \$580 billion annually by 2030; regrets that COP26 did not recognise, or take action to address, the link between global debt and the climate emergency; calls on the Government to push for an expansion of the G20 Common Framework to consider middle-income, climate-vulnerable countries for debt relief treatment and ensure private sector participation; and further calls on the Government to support calls for automatic debt payment suspension and relief for countries that experience natural disasters.

657 Town and Country Planning

Tabled: 16/11/21 Signatories: 13

Keir Starmer
 Nick Thomas-Symonds
 Bambos Charalambous
 Holly Lynch
 Sarah Jones
 Sir Alan Campbell

Liz Saville Roberts

Hywel Williams

Ben Lake

That the Town and Country Planning (Napier Barracks) Special Development Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 962), dated 26 August 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 27 August 2021, be revoked.

661 100th Anniversary of Newtownards Elim

Tabled: 16/11/21 Signatories: 4

Jim Shannon
 Carla Lockhart
 Sammy Wilson
 Paul Girvan

That this House notes the 100th Anniversary of Newtownards Elim, coinciding with the Centenary of Northern Ireland; notes the tremendous work carried out by that church in meeting the needs of the community from newborn to the elderly over the last 100 years; and wishes them every blessing as they continue to dedicate themselves to sharing the love of God both practically and prayerfully in their local community.

664 Carers Rights Day

Tabled: 17/11/21 Signatories: 13

Dr Lisa Cameron
 Ian Mearns
 Douglas Chapman
 Sir Peter Bottomley
 Chris Stephens
 Allan Dorans

Andrew Gwynne

Carla Lockhart

Paula Barker

That this House acknowledges the estimated 13.6 million people who are providing unpaid care to family and friends across the UK; recognises the importance of Carers Rights Day 2021, taking place on 25 November 2021, in raising awareness of unpaid carers and ensuring they are informed about their rights and entitlements; notes the very difficult challenges that unpaid carers continue to face, and the increased levels of care they are currently having to provide, in the wake of the covid-19 pandemic; stresses the urgent need for more support to be given to unpaid carers who are juggling their caring responsibilities alongside paid work; and calls on the Government to implement its plans to introduce Carer's Leave at the earliest opportunity, as well as providing all employees a day one right to request flexible working.

665 Welsh Men's National Football Team Success

Tabled: 17/11/21 Signatories: 11

Hywel Williams
 Ian Mearns
 Mark Tami
 Douglas Chapman
 Brendan O'Hara
 Chris Stephens

Grahame Morris

That this House celebrates the success of the Welsh Men's National Football team for securing a seeded play off spot for the 2022 World Cup qualification following their 1 to 1 draw with current FIFA World Ranking leaders Belgium; pays tribute to manager Rob Page and his backroom staff for their fantastic work in guiding the team to the verge of qualification by finishing in the top-two of a World Cup qualifying group for the first time since qualification for the 1966 World Cup; notes the side's current 16 game unbeaten run at home is in part testament to the tremendous support by Welsh fans; and wishes the team the best of luck for the remainder of the campaign to qualify for a World Cup for the first time since 1958.

666 Scottish Curry Awards 2021

Tabled: 18/11/21 Signatories: 4

Kirsten Oswald
 Allan Dorans
 Marion Fellows
 Alison Thewliss

That this House recognises the importance of the Scottish curry industry and of the best Scottish curry establishments and professionals that create and serve delicious dishes in communities across Scotland; congratulates all winners in the Scottish Curry Awards for 2021 in categories as diverse as Takeaway and Home Delivery of the Year, Outstanding Indian Restaurant of the Year, Customer Service of the Year, Curry Champions of the Year and Curry Lover of the Year; congratulates in particular the Turban Tandoori restaurant in Giffnock, East Renfrewshire, which received the much-prized Outstanding Curry of the Year award; notes that the Turban Tandoori is a well-loved local business not just for the quality of their food and customer service but also for the contribution they make to their local community, not least by their generosity in ensuring that surplus food was distributed to people in need when the restaurant closed during the covid-19 pandemic; and applauds Turban Tandoori's generous donations to the NHS to help keep front-line staff energised as they cared for patients during the covid-19 pandemic.

671 First Bus and Together for our Planet Event

Tabled: 19/11/21 Signatories: 2

Alison Thewliss
 Marion Fellows

That this House congratulates First Bus on its successful hosting of the official COP26 electric vehicle charging site at its Caledonia Depot, the largest charging station for electric vehicles in the UK; notes that international and delegates from across the UK visited throughout COP26 to discuss the future of sustainable energy and transport; recognises that the event was held in partnership with Hitachi and Octopus Energy, who partner with First Bus on sustainable transport, energy and infrastructure; welcomes First Bus's contribution of electric bus shuttle services, which carried thousands of delegates to and from the COP26 campus throughout the two weeks of the event;

acknowledges that, in addition to the investment and ongoing delivery of 150 electric buses built by Alexander Dennis, First Bus are also running the UK's first hydrogen-powered bus services in Aberdeen; and wishes First Bus continued success in its efforts to decarbonise its bus fleets across Scotland's transport network.

673 Church of Scotland's action on Climate Change

Tabled: 19/11/21 Signatories: 3

Dr Lisa Cameron
Marion Fellows
Alison Thewliss

That this House acknowledges the contribution of the Church of Scotland to the discussion and action on climate change, including the Church's own Net Zero target by the year 2030; notes the participation by the Rt Hon. Lord Wallace of Tankerness, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, as a delegate at COP26; recognises the continuing role of the churches and faith groups in advocating for the care of the environment; and calls on the Government to continue to engage with faith groups and civil society in this matter.

674 Animals in Scientific Research and transition to new approach methodologies

Tabled: 19/11/21 Signatories: 6

Martyn Day
Hywel Williams
Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake
Marion Fellows
Andrew Gwynne

That this House regrets 2.88 million animal experiments were carried out in Great Britain in 2020; notes there can be better options than using animals in scientific research; further notes the Animal Free Research UK report Modernising Medical Research recommendation to establish a role focussed on replacing animals with human relevant techniques, which could accelerate the transition to New Approach Methodologies (NAMs); and urges the Government to show global leadership and seize the scientific and economic opportunities that the NAMs sector provides.

675 Uptake of heat pumps

Tabled: 19/11/21 Signatories: 4

Wera Hobhouse
Ben Lake
Hywel Williams
Liz Saville Roberts

That this House welcomes the publication of the Heat and Buildings and Net Zero strategies, which include a commitment to deploy 600,000 heat pumps per year by 2028; notes that delivering net zero will require a very significant increase in the uptake of ground source and air source heat pumps within this decade; expresses concern that heat pump deployment is currently only 35,000 per year; believes that the Government must do more to encourage the uptake of cost-effective ground source heat pump solutions for multiple homes, including new build properties; further

believes that the Government should ensure the heat pump industry has long-term stability to drive forward UK investment and training and must act quickly to reduce electricity prices to encourages greater uptake of heat pumps; and calls on the Government to increase the overall funding for the boiler upgrade scheme from 2022, including increased support for ground source heat pumps.

676 Royal DSM Dalry and Emissions Reduction

Tabled: 19/11/21 Signatories: 2

Patricia Gibson
Marion Fellows

That this House congratulates Royal DSM Dalry, North Ayrshire, following the announcement that it will be the first global production facility for a ground-breaking £100 million investment, backed by Scottish Enterprise, to reduce methane using a feed additive; notes that DSM already employs over 300 people in at its world-leading Dalry plant for micro-nutrients, including vitamin C; understands that just a quarter of a teaspoon of Bovaer its safe, revolutionary new product will cut methane emissions from dairy cows by over 30 per cent and 90 per cent from beef cattle, thereby delivering a strong sustainable export product; acknowledges this is a crucial step in supporting farming communities in their fight against climate change and therefore, an important contributor to carbon reduction; recognises that this project will increase employment at DSM Dalry by 10 per cent or 30 people, as well as ensuring over 100 construction roles over the next two years, boosting the local economy and securing the facility's long-term future; and commends Royal DSM for their dedication to fighting global warming and supporting Scotland's aim to achieving its climate ambitions and wishes the facility the best with this exciting project and in its future endeavours.

677 Home Energy Scotland

Tabled: 19/11/21 Signatories: 3

Martyn Day
Marion Fellows
Alison Thewliss

That this House commends the work of the Scottish Government's Home Energy Scotland service that is managed across Scotland by Energy Saving Trust and delivered to constituents in South East Scotland by Changeworks; recognises that Home Energy Scotland is the referral point for the Scottish Government funded Warmer Homes Scotland programme that, since 2015, has helped over 24,000 households across Scotland with a range of energy efficiency improvements to help keep people warmer in their homes and reduce their energy bills; notes Home Energy Scotland provides a range of free and impartial advice on energy efficiency, low and zero emissions heating, sustainable transport and water efficiency; further commends this service for continually delivering crucial support to constituents throughout the pandemic by helping households to stay warm, save money and reduce their carbon impact; and further recognises the support this service provided to local authorities to reach households who were shielding and providing e-bike trials to key workers.