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New EDMs

779 Covid-19 vaccination patent waiver recommendation to the World Trade Organisation

Tabled: 15/12/21 Signatories: 1

Jon Trickett

That this House expresses its concern at the UK Government's failure to adequately support low income countries in the fight against coronavirus; notes that 81 per cent of the eligible UK population has received two doses of a Covid-19 vaccine, compared to less than 8 per cent of people across Africa according to Amnesty International; further notes that the UK Government are blocking countries from producing their own vaccines by refusing to support the temporary waiver on vaccine patents which is supported by the South African and Indian governments, as well as the United Nations Secretary General; disagrees with the statement made by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care that a patent waiver would "disincentive" pharmaceutical companies from producing new technology; is further concerned by the World Health Organisation's research showing that there could be a shortfall of 3 billion doses of Covid-19 vaccines in poorer nations in the first quarter of 2022 if the richer nations give boosters to everyone including children; recognises that at least 97 per cent of the funding for the Oxford-AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine came from taxpayers; believes that the failure to vaccinate low income countries increases the risk of new variants like the Omicron variant; urges the Government to put public health before private profit; calls on the Government to support the waiver of vaccine patents at the World Trade Organisation; and further calls on the Government to increase the supply of vaccines the UK is distributing to low income countries.

780 Glasgow Central winners of the Scottish Italian Awards

Tabled: 15/12/21 Signatories: 1

Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates the winners of the 8th Scottish Italian Awards; notes that many winners were located in the Glasgow Central constituency; appreciates that La Fiorentina won both Scotland's Favourite Italian Business and High Recommended restaurant of over fifty seats; further notes that Scotland's Best Chef was awarded to Giuseppe Graziano of Mediterraneo Ristorante & Champagne Bar, with Santa Lucia Restaurant in the Merchant City being Highly Recommended; notes that Osteria was the winner of Scotland's Best Restaurant under 50 Seats, with Joia Italian Restaurant & Bar being Highly Recommended; further notes that La Lanterna was awarded as Scotland's Best Restaurant Over 50 Seats; welcomes that Stilla Finest Scotland were awarded as a Highly Recommended Best Newcomer; thanks the organisers of the Scottish Italian Awards and chef Aldo Zilli who led the judging of the awards; notes that £8400 was raised at the awards for Benevolent Society Scotland, appreciates the significant contribution that the Italian community makes to society, economy, culture and cuisine; and wishes all in the Italian hospitality sector all the very best for the year ahead.

781 Cinnamon Cambuslang restaurant and Cambuslang community

Tabled: 15/12/21 Signatories: 1

Margaret Ferrier

That this House congratulates the Cinnamon restaurant in Cambuslang on their win at the 13th Annual Scottish Curry Awards for Best in Glasgow; notes that this achievement builds on their previous win of best loved restaurant, as voted by the local community; and recognises the pride taken by the staff in their work and the contribution of the hospitality sector to local communities.

782 Hope Sculpture at Cuningar Loop

Tabled: 15/12/21 Signatories: 1

Margaret Ferrier

That this House welcomes the unveiling of the Hope Sculpture at Cuningar Loop in Rutherglen; notes the sculpture's symbolism as a beacon of hope and positivity in reaching environmental goals, and the power of collaboration in working towards a better future; congratulates the sculpture's designer and artist, Steuart Padwick on his incredible vision and execution of the project; notes the input of Clyde Gateway in their support of the project and contribution to its build; further notes the contributions of project partners Ramboll, Urban Union and Aggregate Industries; and looks forward to the sculpture's future as an inspiration to the local community.

783 A decade of the Kaleidoscope Trust

Tabled: 15/12/21 Signatories: 2

**Kirsten Oswald
Kirsty Blackman**

That this House congratulates Kaleidoscope Trust on reaching the milestone of its 10th Anniversary; notes that the Kaleidoscope Trust is a UK-based charity focused on fighting for the human rights of LGBT+ people across the Commonwealth and that it funds, fights for, and empowers those upholding the human rights of LGBT+ people by working with governments, change-makers, and civil society organisations to effect meaningful and lasting change in the lives of LGBT+ people everywhere; recalls that when Kaleidoscope Trust was established it recognised that the problem it

faced then, and still does today, is that the violence, discrimination, and persecution experienced by LGBT+ people across the Commonwealth reflected discriminatory laws inherited from the colonial-era and their social and cultural residue; welcomes the fact that Kaleidoscope Trust continues to play its part in solving that problem, one that continues to cause unwarranted, unfair and unacceptable harm to LGBT+ people, and those who defy restrictive gender norms; and wishes the Trust every success over the next ten years, which look to be years of great upheaval and uncertainty for so many LGBT+ people and organisations around the world, as it works with its partners and people of goodwill to achieve a world in which LGBT+ people are free, safe, and equal absolutely everywhere.

784 Shortage of medicines in Malawi

Tabled: 15/12/21 Signatories: 1

Patrick Grady

That this House notes with concerns reports from Malawi that a serious shortage of pharmaceutical drugs has led to the closure of operating theatres, clinics, health care centres, and many patients, including pregnant women, going without effective treatment; further notes that the Anaesthesia Association of Malawi described the situation an emergency, that the Chief Medical Adviser to the British Red Cross, Dr Barry Klaassen, is among those calling for urgent action to what he describes as a maternal humanitarian crisis in Malawi; further notes that the Society of Medical Doctors in Malawi has said that the lives of women requiring caesarean sections are at risk due to the lack of suitable anaesthetics, and that reports suggest over a third of Malawi's 28 districts have completely run out of many drugs; believes that while there have been long-standing concerns about the management of Malawi's Central Medical Stores, the current acute shortages require emergency intervention; notes with regret that the latest accounts document from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office suggest a 50 per cent. cut in UK aid funding to that country in the next financial year; and calls on the Government to work with stakeholders in the UK and Malawi to improve the sustainable supply and distribution of pharmaceutical drugs in that country.

785 Celebration of Christmas

Tabled: 15/12/21 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House notes the celebration of Christmas across the UK as an important time for faith and family in every corner of the nation; further notes that there are many who will continue to go into work and care for others throughout the Christmas period and thanks them wholeheartedly for leaving their family so others are not alone; highlights the wonderful charitable work that sees the homeless fed, the needy helped and the lonely befriended as people seek to fulfil the aim of Christ to help the poor and needy and to point them to a loving God who never leaves and never forsakes; and takes the opportunity to wish all a very happy Christmas and a blessed, peaceful and safe New Year.

786 Northern Ireland Football and the National Anthem

Tabled: 15/12/21 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House notes the calls for a change of national anthem for the Northern Ireland Football Team; highlights that there is only one national anthem in Northern Ireland and that God Save the

Queen is neither offensive or dated; and affirms that consideration and cooperation should not and does not mean the eradication of anything that is British as a concession to political activism.

787 Freedom of speech

Tabled: 15/12/21 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House believes that any legislation proposed or passed in order to prevent serious public disorder should not, as a matter of course, enable the suppression of freedom of speech; believes that laws regulating public order are too often applied beyond the original intentions of Parliament, to the detriment of freedom of speech; resolves to ensure that powers contained in proposed public order legislation will only affect freedom of speech in a manner that is proportionate, unambiguous, and predictable; and calls for improved training and guidance for the police and prosecution services that better balances freedom of speech protections with the legitimate aim of preventing serious public disorder.

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.

728 Fan-Led Review of Football Governance

Tabled: 2/12/21 Signatories: 21

Ian Mearns
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
John McDonnell
Liz Saville Roberts
Jonathan Edwards

Mick Whitley

That his House welcomes the publication of the report following the Fan Led Review of Football Governance, chaired by the hon. Member for Chatham and Aylesford, Tracey Crouch MP; notes that the recommendations within the report are supported in full by the All Party Parliamentary Group for Football, the All Party Parliamentary Group for Football Supporters and the All Party Parliamentary Group on Women's Football; and calls on the Government to implement in full the recommendations of that report at the earliest opportunity to safeguard the future of the football pyramid in England.

739 Gia's of Shettleston

Tabled: 6/12/21 Signatories: 8

David Linden
Jim Shannon
John Nicolson
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Patrick Grady

Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates Glasgow East eatery Gia's on its recent success at the 8th annual Scottish Italian Awards; recognises that Gia's was awarded commendations as a highly recommended establishment in the Scotland's Best Family Friendly Restaurant category and in the Scottish Barista Champion category;

warmly welcomes the success of this family business since it moved to its new location in Shettleston in 2019, having firmly established itself as a popular spot with East End locals; and wishes Gia's every continued success in 2022 and beyond.

742 Consequentials for Scotland and the Culture Recovery Fund

Tabled: 6/12/21 Signatories: 12

Patricia Gibson
John Nicolson
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady

Alison Thewliss

That this House welcomes the Government's £300 million uplift to the Culture Recovery Fund, set up to tackle the crisis facing the culture sector as a result of the covid-19 pandemic; recognises that the Fund was designed to assist a sector devastated by the essential public health measures, and further excluded from Government covid-19 support schemes such as the furlough scheme, due to the freelance nature of many of those working within it; acknowledges that devolved Administrations expected to receive a consequential share of this fund to ensure support for the sector's recovery across the UK; is concerned by recent reports that only a fraction of the funding promised to the devolved Administrations has been distributed, with only £9 million of an anticipated £40 million boost being delivered to the Scottish Government to support its efforts to fund the recovery of the sector in Scotland; notes that, despite this, the Scottish Government has made available £25 million to support recovery in the culture sector in Scotland; and urges the Government to deliver consequential funding to the devolved Administrations, in full, as a matter of urgency.

745 Lavender Drive Christmas lights

Tabled: 6/12/21 Signatories: 9

Kirsten Oswald
Jim Shannon
John Nicolson
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Patrick Grady

Alison Thewliss

That this House commends the big hearts and thoughtfulness of the residents of Lavender Drive, East Renfrewshire, dubbed Scotland's most festive street after residents switched on a street-long Christmas display that has transformed the street into a winter wonderland to raise money for cancer research and support; notes that the idea for the festive initiative came during the 2020 lockdown when local resident, father of two Fred Banning, was diagnosed with terminal bowel cancer; recalls that Mr Banning's plea to the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation for those living with a terminal diagnosis and their immediate family members to be a high priority for the administration of the covid-19 vaccine was highlighted in EDM 1260; further notes that by asking for donations from those who came to see the spectacular light show last Christmas, the street's residents raised more than £5500 for the Beatson Cancer Charity, and backs the residents in their desire to collect even more money this Christmas for Cancer Research UK.

746 Food insecurity

Tabled: 6/12/21 Signatories: 41

Ian Byrne
John McDonnell
Beth Winter
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Barry Gardiner
Dan Carden

Hannah Bardell

That this House recognises the horrific levels of food insecurity in the UK being experienced by approximately 11 million people; acknowledges the profound and devastating consequences of food insecurity on the health, wellbeing and livelihoods of people in our communities; notes with concern that the need for emergency food parcels remains well above pre-pandemic levels; further recognises that, as per Trussell Trust figures, food parcels given to children have increased at double the rate for adults compared to pre-pandemic levels; agrees that the Government has a duty to ensure nobody in our communities goes hungry; asserts that the Government's duty should be reflected in legislation and that the right to food should be enshrined in UK law; recognises the many councils across the country that have declared themselves right to food cities and towns; recognises that the Trade Union Congress 2021 passed a motion calling for the right to food to be enshrined in law; recognises that the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee has recommended the Government urgently consult on a legal right to food; calls on the Government to include the right to food in its White Paper in response to the National Food Strategy recommendations; and notes that the White Paper is due in early 2022.

749 Susan Graham elected President of Print ScotlandTabled: **8/12/21** Signatories: **4**

Owen Thompson
Allan Dorans
Neale Hanvey
Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates Susan Graham on her election as President of Print Scotland; notes that Susan is the managing director of FLB Group based in Dalkeith, Midlothian, and is Print Scotland's first female President; further notes that Print Scotland is the trade association and voice of Scotland's graphic communication industry and is now in its 111th year; recognises Print Scotland's work to provide training for Modern Apprentices through the Scottish Training Scheme, which provides a grant from the Scottish Government to cover the cost of the training; further recognises its provision of a range of Scottish Vocational Qualifications as well as Modern Apprenticeship certification; further congratulates Richard McCombe, managing director of Coatbridge-headquartered Matic Media, on being elected Vice President; and wishes Susan all the very best in her two year term as President, as well as everyone else involved in Print Scotland.

760 Fur-free Parliament campaignTabled: **8/12/21** Signatories: **14**

Dr Lisa Cameron
Caroline Lucas
Allan Dorans
Grahame Morris
Hywel Williams
John McDonnell

Alison Thewliss

Wera Hobhouse

That this House recognises the unnecessary slaughter of animals to produce fur for Parliamentary and State garments; calls on the Government to replace these with sustainable non-fur alternatives, now that an indistinguishable alternative has passed the Ministry of Defence's copyrighted test in the Ministry's accredited laboratory; notes that the use of real fur is not in line with the Government's commitment to have and promote the highest standards of animal welfare across the UK; and believes sustainable, faux fur should be the default option for garments and accessories for this purpose moving forward.

761 Formal Government recognition of the Daesh atrocities against Yazidis, Christians and other persecuted minorities as genocideTabled: **9/12/21** Signatories: **10**

Brendan O'Hara
Wera Hobhouse
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Kirsten Oswald

Alison Thewliss

Chris Stephens

That in April 2016 this House recognised the Daesh atrocities against religious minorities, Yazidis, Christians, and other religious minorities in Iraq and Syria as genocide under Article II of the UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide; notes the

UK Government's long standing policy that genocide determination is a matter of competent courts, including domestic criminal courts; and notes the German criminal court's verdict of 30th November 2021 finding a Daesh fighter guilty of genocide and crimes against humanity; and calls on the Government to formally recognise the Daesh atrocities against Yazidis, Christians and other religious minorities as genocide and take further steps to ensure justice, including by leading efforts to establish an international mechanism to prosecute the perpetrators.

762 50th anniversary of the murder of Kenneth Smyth and Daniel McCormick

Tabled: 9/12/21 Signatories: 9

Jim Shannon
Sammy Wilson
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Gavin Robinson
Ian Paisley
Sir Mike Penning

Paul Girvan

That this House notes the 50th anniversary of the murder of UDR soldiers Kenneth Smyth and Daniel McCormick who were killed on the 10th of December 1971; notes that Kenneth was off duty and that Daniel had left the UDR and they were slaughtered as they headed to work together; further notes that no one has ever been brought to justice for this evil terrorist murder that saw these men brutally slain for no other reason than serving Queen and Country in the UDR and that the family still mourn their loss; highlights that whilst other 50 year old crimes are still being investigated at great cost to the public purse, the murder of Kenneth and Daniel remains unsolved; and reaffirms the commitment of this House to support justice for all victims of the Troubles, and not only for those who have politically motivated support.

764 Import ban on forced labour products

Tabled: 9/12/21 Signatories: 12

Alyn Smith
Jonathan Edwards
John McDonnell
Claudia Webbe
Wera Hobhouse
Hywel Williams

Alison Thewliss

That this House commends the work of Non-Governmental Organisations and civil activists to raise awareness of the presence of forced labour in the manufacturing of products around the world; recognises that existing UK regulations are insufficient for stopping the import of products which have been produced through forced labour; notes that the United States has implemented an import ban on some products from countries where there is evidence of forced labour; further notes that the European Commission has stated its intentions to implement a similar ban; and calls on the Government to implement an import ban on specific products where there is reasonable suspicion of forced labour and apply it to regions where forced labour is systematically used by the State, thereby preventing companies from enforcing their due diligence obligations.

765 Local measurement of air quality

Tabled: 9/12/21 Signatories: 7

Mr Barry Sheerman
John McDonnell
Claudia Webbe
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon
Mohammad Yasin

Jonathan Edwards

That this House notes with concern the issue of air pollution and its ensuing effects on health and wellbeing; recognises the 2018 guidance on air pollution by Public Health England that cites poor air quality as the largest environmental risk to public health in the UK; acknowledges that every human being has an inalienable right to breathe clean and safe air; urges the Government to consider making reference to this in any future legislative proposal; further recognises that policy to improve air quality requires evidence and records of public and private entities that contribute to air pollution in local authorities; further urges the Government to make provision for local authorities to take an air pollution audit of public and private entities in their area; and calls on the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to report annually to Parliament on these audit reports.

766 Presidential elections and transitional justice in the Gambia

Tabled: 10/12/21 Signatories: 7

Anne McLaughlin
Kirsten Oswald
Kim Johnson
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens
Wera Hobhouse

John Nicolson

That this House welcomes the orderly conduct of Presidential elections in the Gambia, the first in decades not to feature the participation of former long-term President Yahya Jammeh whose rule was marked by serious human rights violations including state-backed execution squads; notes the incumbent Adama Barrow won another term as President with the backing of a faction from Jammeh's party, the Alliance for Patriotic Reorientation and Construction, and despite having initially promised in 2016 to serve only as a transitional leader; urges President Barrow to undertake comprehensive democratic reform, and as soon as possible make public the report of the Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission, which took harrowing testimony from victims of Jammeh's brutal regime, and implement its recommendations; calls on the Government to provide continued tangible support towards the Gambia's democratic transition and inclusive development; and further call on the Government to encourage President Barrow's administration to adopt a renewed focus on transitional justice, with the criminal prosecution of Jammeh and his main accomplices and satisfactory redress offered to those targeted by Jammeh's former regime.

767 Predatory financial practices and the adult social care sector

Tabled: 10/12/21 Signatories: 9

Clive Lewis
 Caroline Lucas
 Dan Carden
 Kate Hollern
 Kim Johnson
 Jim Shannon

Wera Hobhouse

Jonathan Edwards

That this House welcomes the Panorama episode Crisis in Care: Follow the Money, broadcast on 6 December 2021, on the involvement of financial entities such as private equity firms and hedge funds in the adult social care sector; notes that this has put pressure on the sector to grow its revenues, not to improve quality of care but to meet exorbitant costs associated with complex corporate group structures, high debt burdens, and offshoring of profits; further notes that as much as one sixth of the weekly fee for a residential bed can go towards interest payments on company debt; further notes that this financially extractive and growth-dependent model is draining adult social care of funds and plunging the sector deeper into economic precarity; believes that the Government's focus on developing new funding streams for adult social care fails to address this crucial underlying problem; calls on the Government to address these predatory financial practices by amending the Health and Care Bill to prevent financial assistance being used to rescue overindebted private companies in the care sector, to require providers of adult social care in England to report annually full financial accounts for all companies within the same corporate group including offshore entities, and to review the financial regulation of the adult social care sector to identify ways of reducing the large financial costs and risks created by financial engineering practices such as debt loading, asset stripping, and the offshoring of profits.

768 Glasgow Baby Food Bank awards

Tabled: 13/12/21 Signatories: 10

Anne McLaughlin
 Jim Shannon
 Patrick Grady
 Owen Thompson
 Dave Doogan
 Alan Brown

Angela Crawley
 Kirsten Oswald

Chris Stephens

John Nicolson

That this House commends the amazing efforts of Springburn based Glasgow Baby Food Bank over the last 18 months, culminating in the food bank winning the Glasgow Times Community Champions Award for Public Service and the Glasgow Lord Provost's Special Recognition Award; is grateful for the work the food bank does in supporting young families and providing baby and child essentials including food, clothing and equipment across Glasgow; congratulates the selfless dedication of their volunteers who give so much of themselves to this crucial venture; and thanks them on behalf of thousands of grateful families who have benefited from their care and assistance.

769 Jackie Shearer and Place Leader Award for Inspirational Leadership

Tabled: 13/12/21 Signatories: 11

Anne McLaughlin
 Jim Shannon
 Owen Thompson
 Dave Doogan
 Patrick Grady
 Alan Brown

Alison Thewliss
 John Nicolson

Angela Crawley
 Kirsten Oswald

Chris Stephens

That this House commends the critical role that Jackie Shearer has played in launching the new Business Improvement District (BID) in Saracen Street, Possilpark, Glasgow; congratulates her on winning the Place Leader Award for Inspirational Leadership at the Scotland Loves Local Awards; welcomes her work to bring an alliance of businesses, public authorities, social landlords and politicians together to show what the power of local collaboration can deliver; and looks forward to seeing the much deserved benefits of that work being enjoyed by the Possilpark community for generations to come.

770 Bailie Jackie McLaren Community Champion Award

Tabled: 13/12/21 Signatories: 11

Anne McLaughlin [R]
 Jim Shannon
 Patrick Grady
 Owen Thompson
 Dave Doogan
 Alan Brown

Alison Thewliss
 John Nicolson

Angela Crawley
 Kirsten Oswald

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Bailie Jacqueline McLaren on winning the Community Champion award at the 2021 Local Government Information Unit (LGIU) Scotland Councillor Awards for her hard work and dedication to her community; celebrates her successes including securing £800,000 funding from the Scottish Government in partnership with North United Communities for the creation of a new services hub in Milton; looks forward to seeing the continued regeneration of Canal Ward in partnership with the fantastic local community groups in the area; and recognises that the efforts of local councillors such as Bailie McLaren are often overlooked but are vitally important to thriving communities and neighbourhoods.

771 Bishopbriggs Academy named Scottish State Secondary School of the Decade

Tabled: 13/12/21 Signatories: 5

Amy Callaghan
 Jim Shannon
 Patrick Grady
 Chris Stephens
 John Nicolson

That this House congratulates Bishopbriggs Academy in East Dunbartonshire on being named Scottish State Secondary School of the Decade in the prestigious Sunday Times Parent Power Schools

Guide 2022; notes that Bishopbriggs Academy has continued to rise in the rankings over the last decade; thanks the staff at Bishopbriggs academy for their exceptional leadership and encouraging children to participate and succeed in all areas of school life, not just the exam hall; further notes the influence of former Headteacher Gordon Mouldale on Bishopbriggs Academy becoming one of the top state schools in the country; understands that this placement is a testament to Bishopbriggs Academy's outstanding academic achievements and high teaching standards; looks forward to seeing what more the school will achieve in the future under new Headteacher Mr Donaghey; and once again congratulates everyone at Bishopbriggs Academy on this glowing endorsement and for being an outstanding representation of East Dunbartonshire schools.

772 Joe Gilhooley LRPS

Tabled: **13/12/21** Signatories: **3**

Owen Thompson
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates photographer Joe Gilhooley on being awarded Distinction of the Licentiate of The Royal Photographic Society (LRPS) on 8 December 2021; notes that Joe is based in Loanhead, Midlothian and is self-taught in photo editing, restoring and manipulation, with interests including sports, wildlife and landscapes; further notes that Joe has been a regular photographer for Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic; congratulates Joe on his other past achievements including being awarded The Scots Magazine Photographer of the Year 2017 and 2019, as well as reaching the shortlist for the Landscape Photographer of the Year 2021; and understands that the Distinction of the LRPS is an internationally recognised photography qualification, judged by the submission of 10 photographs to a panel.

773 Work of NHS staff during the covid-19 outbreak

Tabled: **13/12/21** Signatories: **6**

Layla Moran
Jim Shannon
Clive Lewis
Wera Hobhouse
Paul Girvan
Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the extraordinary work of NHS staff throughout the covid-19 pandemic; appreciates the incredible effort that they continue to put into the national vaccination programme, especially as the booster campaign is ramped up in the face of the Omicron variant; and calls on the Government to provide the necessary support that our NHS workers so desperately need and deserve.

774 Treatment of asylum seekers and refugees in Turkey

Tabled: 13/12/21 Signatories: 6

Barry Gardiner
 Jim Shannon
 Alison Thewliss
 Mick Whitley
 Chris Stephens
 Sir Mark Hendrick

That this House expresses its concern about the treatment of Iranian asylum seekers and refugees in Turkey; notes that more than 30,000 Iranian asylum seekers and refugees, many of whom are political dissidents, human rights activists and journalists, are living in an unacceptable state of limbo, without access to work or healthcare and are facing increased risk of deportation to Iran and persecution; and therefore calls on the Secretary of State for the Home Department to facilitate and expedite the relocation of those asylum seekers whose cases have been approved for transfer to the UK by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees without further delay.

775 Funding and support for local government from central government

Tabled: 13/12/21 Signatories: 10

Caroline Lucas
 Jim Shannon
 Clive Lewis
 Sarah Olney
 Apsana Begum
 Mohammad Yasin

Wera Hobhouse

Mick Whitley

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House thanks local authorities for their leadership during the covid-19 pandemic and for the ongoing contribution of their essential workforces to communities; notes National Audit Office figures showing central Government funding for local authorities in England has been cut by 52.3 percent overall in real terms between 2010-11 and 2020-21; believes the Government should address in full the financial challenges arising from this decade of underinvestment, while tackling the enhanced financial pressures local authorities face because of extra costs, increased referrals, loss of income and cash-flow challenges associated with covid-19; further believes Ministers must take responsibility for the financial stability of local government and its ability to plan, sustain and improve community and essential frontline services such as adult and child social care, and support for older people, looked-after children, care leavers, people with disabilities or special educational needs, survivors of domestic violence and low-income families in crisis; notes recent Local Government Association analysis that social care-providing authorities are spending more than 60 percent of their outgoings on these essential care services; considers locally-led initiatives to urgently improve equality, sustainability and resilience, such as providing genuinely affordable, energy efficient homes, supporting socially necessary bus services, and transforming waste collection, should be funded nationally; considers there is an urgent need to address the pressures on local authorities now; and therefore calls on the Government to immediately provide local councils with the money to protect and restore spending on community and frontline services to sustainable levels and reset local economies.

776 Annual Ceremony of the Christmas Cheeses

Tabled: 14/12/21 Signatories: 3

Andrew Rosindell
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Dairy UK in staging the 2021 Annual Ceremony of the Christmas Cheeses, which forms the beginning of the Chelsea Pensioners' traditional Christmas celebrations; further congratulates in-pensioner Mrs Carol Knight, who was given the honour of cutting the ceremonial cheese at this historic ceremony; recognises that dairy products form a key part of a balanced diet for all ages; welcomes the work of the Royal Hospital in ensuring that dairy products play an important role in the diet of the Chelsea Pensioners; and calls on the Department of Health and Social Care to take steps to promote the consumption of nutrient-rich foods such as milk, cheese and yogurt.

777 Panto Day 2021

Tabled: 14/12/21 Signatories: 7

Jamie Stone
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss
Chris Stephens
Tim Farron
Mr Alistair Carmichael

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House marks the tenth Panto Day, appropriately themed the Year of Love, on 17 December 2021; acknowledges the joy and happiness that pantomime brings across the UK every year; notes that after cancellations last year due to the pandemic, theatres and entertainers seek stability and security this Christmas season; and calls on the Government to account for losses made to the theatre sector as a result of Plan B covid restrictions.

778 Dunfermline City Status

Tabled: 14/12/21 Signatories: 3

Douglas Chapman
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens

That this House welcomes the bid from Dunfermline, as the former capital of Scotland, to be recognised as the eighth city of Scotland; celebrates Dunfermline's rich heritage and strong links with royalty, religion and international relations going back centuries; recognises Dunfermline's contribution to well-being through the philanthropic activities of Andrew Carnegie and his generosity in building libraries and cultural centres across the world, and Dunfermline's contribution to more modern culture through a plethora of bands such as Big Country, Nazareth and The Skids and artists such as Moira Shearer and Barbara Dickson who graced many a stage; further recognises the future of Dunfermline, as one of Scotland's fastest growing towns, which has a focussed economic base in defence, financial services, food and distribution services, backed up by enviable road, rail, air and maritime connectivity links with other parts of Scotland, the UK and Europe; and further celebrates recent decisions to build a new Learning Campus involving St Columbas High, Woodmill High and Fife College to create one of the most exciting innovative educational projects in Europe where the focus is firmly on the future.