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Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 3 February 2022

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New EDMs

946 Thameslink, Southern and Great Northern franchise

Tabled: 3/02/22 Signatories: 13

Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Barry Gardiner
Kate Osborne
Dawn Butler
Grahame Morris
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Marsha De Cordova
Ian Lavery
Mick Whitley

Ian Mearns
Paula Barker

Rebecca Long Bailey
Clive Lewis

That this House is deeply concerned at reports that the Department for Transport may sign a National Rail Contract with Govia Thameslink Railways to run the Thameslink, Southern and Great Northern franchise; notes that Govia, the majority shareholder of Govia Thameslink Railways, was stripped of the Southeastern franchise in September 2021 following a serious breach of the franchise agreement's good faith obligation in relation to financial matters; further notes that, at the time, the management of Southeastern and of Govia Ltd were effectively the same people; notes with concern that the DfT has allowed the investigation into this scandal to be conducted by the owning group, Go-Ahead Group plc, despite the DfT's view that Go-Ahead and London and South Eastern Railway (LSER) were aware that HS1 money was due to the Department and that LSER were continuing to minimise the risk of detection by the Department; notes with deep concern that there has been no independent or public scrutiny of this scandal; notes that the Operator of Last Resort has prepared a subsidiary company to take over the Thameslink, Southern and Great Northern franchise; believes that under no circumstances should the DfT award any new contract to the Go-Ahead Group or any of its subsidiaries; and calls on the Department to instruct the Operator of Last Resort to take over the franchise and run it in the public sector.

947 Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs

Tabled: 3/02/22 Signatories: 1

Cat Smith

That this House congratulates Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs on being awarded Lancashire Tourism Award for Accessible and Inclusive Tourism; considers that since the charity's founder Michael Gray had the idea to make the beach accessible for all many local residents and tourists from near and far have had the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful beaches at Fleetwood since 2020; commends Chair of Trustees Michael 'Mick' Gray for his vision, and for his team of trustees for working to ensure beaches are for everyone; thanks the charity for the service they provide; and wishes Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs very well for many more successful years in promoting the stunning coast line on the Fylde Coast.

948 May Miller's 103rd birthday

Tabled: 3/02/22 Signatories: 1

Ms Anum Qaisar

That this House notes and celebrates Airdrie and Shotts resident May Miller who turned 103 on 22 January 2022; notes that she celebrated her birthday in Airdrie where she has lived for many years; highlights that May is a valued and highly regarded member of the local community; and sends May all the very best wishes.

949 Prison violence

Tabled: 3/02/22 Signatories: 8

Grahame Morris
Gordon Henderson
Liz Saville Roberts
Kenny MacAskill
Paula Barker
Mary Kelly Foy

John McDonnell

Ian Lavery

That this House notes with alarm the rapid increase in prison violence over the last decade, with levels of assaults peaking in 2019 before a partial reduction during the covid-19 pandemic lockdowns; further notes that rehabilitation is practically impossible inside violent prisons, meaning that offenders can leave prison more damaged and dangerous than when they arrive; welcomes the new Prisons Strategy White Paper as an opportunity to tackle both prison violence and the causes of prison violence as urgent priorities; believes the White Paper's framework of key performance indicators should include violence against prisoners and staff as crucial metrics for judging management performance; further believes penalties for failing these metrics should include management fines, with this money used to improve prison staff injury compensation schemes; insists that rebuilding staff experience is key to reducing violence, and that improving the pay, terms and conditions of prison staff is a vital first step to solving the current recruitment and retention crisis; calls on the Government to adopt the proposals for safer systems of work in the Safe Inside Charter from the Joint Unions in Prisons Alliance, a coalition of nine national trade unions representing prison workers; and further calls on the Government to accept the pay review body's recommendation of a £3,000 pay rise for entry-level prison officers, to halt plans for new private prisons until it is better understood why they are disproportionately more violent than public prisons, and to bring the pension age of prison officers back down to 60.

950 Sauchie Community Group 30-year anniversary

Tabled: 3/02/22 Signatories: 1

John Nicolson

That this House recognises the 30-year anniversary of the Sauchie Community Group; commends the group's tireless work since 1992, providing support through the covid-19 pandemic, helping families with young children, organising events for people with dementia and creating a sensory community garden to name a just few; notes in particular the contribution of Keith Turner and Nancy Pollock, who were founding members of the committee and are still serving today; finally, wishes Sauchie Community Group every success in their next 30 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.

886 DVSA test centre closures

Tabled: 24/01/22 Signatories: 18

Kate Osborne**Jim Shannon****Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck****Ian Lavery****Apsana Begum****Grahame Morris**

Sarah Olney

That this House notes with concern the current programme of closures of local DVSA driving test centres across the country, including the South Shields DVSA Test Centre in the Jarrow constituency; acknowledges that the loss of the Bede Industrial Estate facility is yet another blow to South Tyneside, while lesson times, prices and waiting lists all increase at a period when waiting times for driving tests are at an all-time high; further notes that such closures are being undertaken without any consultation with those directly affected or the local community; strongly believes that moving the test centre away from South Tyneside could discourage many from learning to drive in the borough and risks skilled instructors and examiners leaving the industry which will further exacerbate already high waiting times; further acknowledges that the added distance South Tyneside learners will be forced to drive to take lessons will increase emissions and impact negatively on the environment; calls on the DVSA to reconsider any such closures; and further calls on the Department for Transport to suspend immediately any such closures and to instruct the Driving Vehicle Standards Agency that no closures may be undertaken without a full public consultation.

893 A wealth tax as an alternative to National Insurance increases

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 33

Richard Burgon
Ian Lavery
John McDonnell
Kate Osborne
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Zarah Sultana

Sammy Wilson

That this House calls on the Government to abandon its regressive plans for a 1.25 percentage point increase in National Insurance contributions; believes this will add to the cost of living crisis people are already experiencing as a result of big increases in energy bills, high inflation, real-term wage cuts and cuts to universal credit; and calls on the Government to replace the proposed National Insurance increase with taxes on the wealth of the richest one per cent.

895 Nature Recovery Networks

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 19

Mr Barry Sheerman
Sammy Wilson
Wera Hobhouse
Claudia Webbe
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans

Valerie Vaz

That this House notes the importance of Nature Recovery Networks in combatting biodiversity loss in the UK; further notes the urgent need to take action that halts the alarming trend of biodiversity decline; welcomes the findings and recommendations of the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee report, Biodiversity in the UK: bloom or bust, HC 136, June 2021; appeals to the Government to implement that report in full; gives particular emphasis to the need for Nature Recovery Networks to be given priority in building a healthier local environment; accepts gladly the provisions laid down in the Environment Act 2021 that mandate the creation of Local Nature Recovery Strategies to act as a spatial planning framework for Nature Recovery Networks; reiterates the recommendations of the Environmental Audit Committee that far more detail is needed to translate this ambition into transformative action; believes that to be a successful policy approach the Government must develop a plan for ensuring that Local Nature Recovery Strategies are rolled out across the entire country and that they successfully evolve into a national network; calls on the Government to link environmental and planning policies into one coherent policy approach; and further calls on the Government to make a formal assessment of the ability of local authorities to deliver their Local Nature Recovery Strategies.

907 DH Robertson Butchers, ArbroathTabled: **26/01/22** Signatories: **11**

Dave Doogan
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Patrick Grady
Marion Fellows
Chris Stephens

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

That this House warmly congratulates Steve and Pam Bennet at DH Robertson butchers in Arbroath on their win at the Scottish Craft Butchers Awards 2022 becoming champions in the Best Link Sausage category; further congratulates DH Robertson on winning at the World Championship Scotch Pie Awards 2022 in three categories, a diamond medal in the Sausage Roll Category, gold medal in the Football Pie or Savoury Category for Arbroath FC and bronze medal in the Hot Savoury Category; notes that these awards are incredibly competitive and are judged by 60 independent industry experts and professionals; and offers best wishes in their future success as a multi-award winning butcher.

908 One year anniversary of the military coup in MyanmarTabled: **26/01/22** Signatories: **36**

Rushanara Ali
Dame Margaret Hodge
Kim Johnson
Jim Shannon
Mick Whitley
Kenny MacAskill

Rosie Cooper

That this House, on the one year anniversary of the military coup that took place on 1 February 2021 in Myanmar (Burma), condemns the crimes against humanity perpetrated by the Myanmar military against the people of Myanmar; stands in solidarity with the Burmese people opposing the military coup; notes in horror the increased attacks by the military in ethnic areas including Chin, Karenni and Karen State over the recent months which includes the burning of people alive, torching of villages and killings of children; demands an urgent stop to the attacks; demands the release of all political prisoners; welcomes the UK Government's condemnation of the coup and the introduction of targeted economic sanctions on military businesses; calls for further economic sanctions targeting military revenues; further calls for sanctions on aviation fuel to ground military bomber jets; calls on the Government to increase its efforts to encourage other countries to introduce unilateral arms embargoes; further calls on the Government to increase cross-border aid through local organisations working directly with the people affected by the military attacks; and calls on the Government to join the Rohingya genocide case at the International Court of Justice to secure justice for the Rohingya genocide, and to publicly support the referral of the situation in Myanmar to the International Criminal Court.

911 Stuart Delivery couriers

Tabled: 27/01/22 Signatories: 23

Grahame Morris
Ian Lavery
Kate Osborne
Mick Whitley
Nadia Whittome
Dr Rupa Huq

Jon Trickett

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House notes with deep concern that key worker couriers working for JustEat subcontractor Stuart Delivery have seen their pay cut and working conditions deteriorate during the covid-19 pandemic, despite those key workers putting their own lives at risk and providing a vital service to the public; notes that couriers continue to be denied the basic workers' rights of minimum wage protections, holiday pay and pensions; further notes that the company is ultimately owned by La Poste, which is itself wholly owned by the French Government and thereby subsidised by French taxpayers; is appalled that key workers in the gig economy are provided no protection against poverty pay and unilateral changes to terms and conditions in their working relationships; is shocked that these workers, most of whom are from BAME and migrant backgrounds, have been refused the right to freely associate and protect their interests via collective bargaining, and have therefore been forced to take industrial action to challenge these conditions; and calls on Stuart Delivery to negotiate with those workers' chosen union the Independent Workers' union of Great Britain (IWGB), to rescind the recent pay cuts and to implement the minimum standards of pay and conditions demanded by the IWGB in order to ensure those workers are not illegally denied their basic rights and are protected from being in working poverty.

928 Jennifer Dodds and the 2022 Winter Olympics

Tabled: 31/01/22 Signatories: 5

Christine Jardine
Jamie Stone
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Jim Shannon
Wendy Chamberlain

That this House celebrates Jennifer Dodds of Edinburgh in competing in the 2022 Winter Olympics; notes that 2861 athletes from 91 countries have been selected for the 2022 games in Beijing; recognises the fantastic achievements of Jennifer throughout her career; acknowledges that she will be competing in both the women's team event and the mixed doubles event where she and Bruce Mouat are reigning world champions; further notes that Dodds and Mouat are the first GB athletes to compete in more than one curling event at the Olympics; wishes them both the best of luck and success; and congratulates all athletes selected for the 2022 Winter Olympics to represent Team GB.

929 Bearskin caps and the armed forces

Tabled: 31/01/22 Signatories: 12

Kirsten Oswald
Patricia Gibson
Margaret Ferrier
John Nicolson
Allan Dorans
Alan Brown

Valerie Vaz

Deidre Brock

That this House expresses its concern that the ceremonial bearskin caps worn by members of the armed forces, most notably at the annual Trooping the Colour parade, involve the unnecessary slaughter of black bears; notes that each bearskin ceremonial cap costs the Ministry of Defence over £1,700 and sees no possible excuse for taxpayers' money to be spent on ceremonial caps made from the skins of bears gunned down for their fur when the overwhelming majority of the British public is opposed to the use of real fur in clothing; understands that the faux fur developed by animal rights charity PETA with leading faux furrier ECOPEL would enable the Ministry of Defence to replace the real bearskins with faux fur; welcomes the offer by ECOPEL to provide the Ministry of Defence with faux fur at no cost until 2030, saving many bears from slaughter and also saving the tax payer up to a million pounds; and calls on the Ministry of Defence to recognise that its continued use of real fur is not in line with the UK Government's commitment to have and promote the highest standards of animal welfare and that it is time to switch to faux fur for making these ceremonial caps.

930 Industrial action at Barts Health NHS Trust

Tabled: 1/02/22 Signatories: 29

Apsana Begum
Caroline Lucas
Chris Stephens
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
John McDonnell
Ian Mearns

Valerie Vaz

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House expresses solidarity with hundreds of key NHS workers across Barts Health NHS Trust, employed by the outsourcing company Serco, taking strike action between Monday 31 January and Sunday 13 February 2022 over low pay; notes that the Unite members who are cleaners, porters, security, catering and reception staff, and are predominately from Black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds, are paid up to 15 per cent less than directly employed NHS staff; further notes that Serco Group PLC had a turnover of £3.9 billion according to the latest figures available; believes that Serco should improve its pay offer so that all workers are paid fairly; and calls for the related services contract be brought in-house and for the workforce to be transferred onto Agenda for Change pay, terms and conditions, as soon as possible.

931 Siblings in the care system

Tabled: 1/02/22 Signatories: 16

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Rachael Maskell
Jim Shannon
Paula Barker
Ian Lavery
Kim Johnson

Tony Lloyd

That this House notes the urgent need to improve sibling contact for children in care; further notes that research shows more than 70 per cent of looked-after children with a sibling in care are separated from that brother or sister; further expresses concern about the harm caused when sibling relationships are needlessly ripped apart in the care system; further notes that current legislation requires a looked-after child to have reasonable contact with their parents, without recognising the provision for a looked-after child's contact with their siblings or half siblings; urges the Government to recognise the importance of sibling bonds and shared experience in the care system; and further emphasises the importance of documentaries, such as *Split up in Care – Life Without Siblings*, in rising awareness of the real life impact of sibling separation.

932 Use of reusable nappies

Tabled: 1/02/22 Signatories: 7

Kirsty Blackman
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
David Linden
Douglas Chapman
Anne McLaughlin

Allan Dorans

That this House commends Nappy Alliance for their promotion of reusable nappies and positive environmental practices; notes that reusable nappies help reduce the consumption of single use plastic; and further notes that a voucher for those is issued to new parents as part of the Scottish Government's Baby Box initiative.

933 LGBT+ History Month

Tabled: 1/02/22 Signatories: 8

Kirsten Oswald
Kirsty Blackman
Paula Barker
Jonathan Edwards
Anne McLaughlin
John McDonnell

Stewart Malcolm McDonald Allan Dorans

That this House notes that February is LGBT+ History Month, which aims to promote equality and diversity for the benefit of all; welcomes this year's theme, *Blurring Borders: A World in Motion*, which invites people to think beyond borders and to consider their place within the global movement towards equality; expresses concern that in 69 UN member states, LGBT+ people are still criminalised and targeted under numerous discriminatory laws; further expresses concern at

the potential impact of the Nationalities and Borders Bill on LGBT+ people seeking safety from persecution; highlights the vital work done by community support groups, such as the LGBT+ Youth Helpline in East Renfrewshire operated in partnership by East Renfrewshire Council and the East Renfrewshire LGBT+ Youth Group; understands that LGBT+ History Month is coordinated in Scotland by LGBT Youth Scotland, a national charity aimed at promoting health and wellbeing among LGBT+ young people aged 13 to 25; wishes all involved with LGBT+ History Month every success in their endeavours; and calls on all Members to support this annual event and raise awareness of the part that everyone can play in delivering a fairer, just, and more equal society for all.

937 **Charlie Wardrope at the UK Youth Climbing Series Grand Final**

Tabled: **1/02/22** Signatories: **3**

Owen Thompson
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates 11-year old Charlie Wardrop from Eskbank, Midlothian, on winning the UK Youth Climbing Series Grand Final in Southampton in November 2021; notes that that achievement has placed him in the sport's GB Development Squad; notes with admiration that Charlie began climbing as recently as late 2019 at Eden Rock at Edgefield Industrial Estate in Loanhead; commends Charlie for his impressive progress in both rope climbing and bouldering; and further commends professional and amateur climbers for their contribution to sporting and outdoors culture.

940 **World Interfaith Harmony Week**

Tabled: **2/02/22** Signatories: **4**

Kirsten Oswald
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards
Rachael Maskell

That this House notes that the United Nations has decreed the first week of February of every year as World Interfaith Harmony Week, which aims to promote harmony between all people regardless of their faith; notes that the week is based on United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/65/PV.34, which was passed in 2010 and calls for a worldwide week of interfaith harmony; joins the United Nations in recognising the need for dialogue among different faiths and religions to enhance mutual understanding, harmony and co-operation among people; welcomes the events taking place during World Interfaith Harmony Week 2022, such as the webinar on Protection of Mother Earth through Mindfulness and Prayer, organised by Interfaith Scotland in partnership with Mindfulness for Earth and Faith for Earth; and encourages all people of faith to spread the message of interfaith harmony and goodwill in the world's churches, mosques, synagogues, temples and other places of worship during this week and throughout the year according to their own religious traditions or convictions.

941 **Investment in Scotland's electric vehicle charging network**

Tabled: **2/02/22** Signatories: **2**

Douglas Chapman
Allan Dorans

That this House supports the Scottish Government's aim to double the size of its electric vehicle charging network over the next four years; notes a £60 million fund has been created to advance

this aim; recognises the important role electric vehicles and their associated infrastructure will play in decarbonising Scotland's transport network; and commends the example Scotland is setting in taking these vital steps.

942 Tribute to Warren Graham

Tabled: 2/02/22 Signatories: 2

Alan Brown
Allan Dorans

That this House expresses both its condolences and celebration of the life of Warren Graham, known as the Killie Piper, who died tragically at the age of 17; pays tribute to his fantastic talent as a bagpiper and enthusiasm for his local community; notes that he was a keen supporter of Kilmarnock Football Club and played bagpipes for the club; further notes the minute's applause for him by supporters of Kilmarnock FC during the game against Inverness Caley Thistle and the piping tribute for him from fellow Kilmarnock Pipe Band member Connor McBlane; notes that Warren played regularly at civic events for East Ayrshire Council and that Warren was a keen supporter of Scottish independence; recognises that Warren will be sadly missed by all and sends deepest condolences to all his family and friends; and further recognises that suicide rates in Scotland are still tragically high and urges people having difficult thoughts to discuss their feelings and to reach out for assistance.

943 Raith Rovers Football Club signing of David Goodwillie

Tabled: 2/02/22 Signatories: 2

Neale Hanvey
Douglas Chapman

That this House notes with concern, regret and alarm the decision of Raith Rovers Football Club to sign to the club Mr David Goodwillie who, along with another man, was found by a civil court ruling in 2017 to have raped a woman; further notes with sadness the impact this decision has had on players, staff, supporters and the wider Fife and national community; applauds the courageous and principled stance taken by those with a lifelong relationship to the club and pays particular tribute to writer and long-time supporter and sponsor Val McDermid, the women's club captain Tyler Rattray and former local councillor and women's campaigner Marie Penman; acknowledges this decision has taken place against a backdrop of a rise of male violence against women and in an environment where many women across Scotland struggle to have their concerns about policies that affect their lives recognised as valid; calls for swift action from Raith Rovers club leadership to review this decision, show contrition and to stand in solidarity with women across Scotland and the world whose lives are forever altered by the trauma of psychological, physical and sexual violence; and further calls on the club to demonstrate such commitment by showing their support for local charities such as Saje Scotland, who work tirelessly with women to help rebuild their lives following such violence.

944 Time to Talk Day 2022

Tabled: 2/02/22 Signatories: 12

Rachael Maskell
Daisy Cooper
Caroline Lucas
Kirsty Blackman
Wendy Chamberlain
Paula Barker

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
 Ronnie Cowan

Kate Osborne
 Patricia Gibson

Dr Philippa Whitford
 Kirsten Oswald

That this House notes that 3 February 2022 is Time to Talk Day; joins with people across the country taking part in the nation's biggest mental health conversation; further notes the importance of this day in bringing friends, families, communities, and workplaces together to talk and listen; believes talking and listening about mental health has the power to change lives; understands that the pandemic has had a significant impact on the nation's mental health with around a third of adults and young people telling Mind that their mental health has got much worse since March 2020; highlights that it has never been more important to support each other to speak up about mental health; notes that a recent partnership report from Mind, SAMH, Inspire and the Co-op, shows how important open conversations are for everyone's mental health and that support in the community such as spaces to talk, activities and services is vital to enable this; and calls on the Government to champion the importance of addressing mental health stigma and create supportive communities where people can talk openly about mental health and wellbeing.

945 Raith Rovers Football Club signing of David Goodwillie (No. 2)

Tabled: 2/02/22 Signatories: 20

Peter Grant
Gavin Newlands
Ms Anum Qaisar
Mhairi Black
Douglas Chapman
Anne McLaughlin

Hannah Bardell

Allan Dorans

That this House expresses its extreme concerns at the decision of Raith Rovers Football Club to give a playing contract to footballer David Goodwillie who was found to be guilty of rape following a civil court case in 2017; notes that since then the player has expressed no remorse and no acceptance of the seriousness of the judgement against him; commends the courage of several employees and volunteers who have resigned from Raith Rovers following his signing, including Ladies Captain Tyler Rattray, player Georgia Spry, directors Bill Clark and Andrew Mill, stadium announcer Johnny MacDonald, Supporters Liaison Officer Margie Robertson and Employability Project Development Officer Marie Penman; commends the speedy response of novelist and lifelong fan Val McDermid in severing all sponsorship of the club, and the decision of Tag Games to cancel their shirt sponsorship contract; expresses full solidarity with other long standing fans who have condemned the club's actions; believes that the signing of David Goodwillie is incompatible with attempts to make all football clubs into places where players and spectators of all ages can feel safe and welcomed; and calls on the remaining Directors of Raith Rovers Football Club to cancel his contract with immediate effect.