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New EDMs

1027 Russia and the Intelligence and Security Committee's report

Tabled: 3/03/22 Signatories: 9

Caroline Lucas
Chris Bryant
Dame Margaret Hodge
Alyn Smith
Layla Moran
Hywel Williams

Liam Byrne

Claire Hanna

Mohammad Yasin

That this House unequivocally condemns the Russian invasion of Ukraine and decision of President Putin to start a brutal war in Europe; notes that the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament report, entitled Russia, published 21 July 2020, HC 632, is of critical importance to UK national security and particularly so at this time of war in Europe; further notes the Report's damning conclusion that insufficient attention has been paid to Russian state-linked infiltration in British politics and public life; notes paragraphs 47 and 48 on the lack of retrospective assessment and believes Ministers in effect turned a blind eye to allegations of Russian disruption in UK elections; further notes the finding that credible open source commentary that Russia undertook influence campaigns appears not to have been investigated; notes the words of the Prime Minister on 23 February 2020 that he had seen no evidence of successful Russian interference in any electoral event; calls on the Prime Minister to publish details of the unsuccessful Russian interference he has seen and criteria used to judge success; believes Kremlin-linked interference in British politics through financial dealings at multiple levels, including connections in the House of Lords, are a corrupting force in British public life that must be addressed to protect our democracy and national security; and calls on the Government to undertake a full investigation of the security threat posed to UK democracy by Russia as set out in the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament's Russia Report.

1028 South Lanarkshire's Provost Awards 2022, Hamilton and Hillhouse

Tabled: 3/03/22 Signatories: 1

Margaret Ferrier

That this House congratulates the winners of this year's Provost Awards in Hamilton and Hillhouse, South Lanarkshire; commends the impressive and excellent community focused work of Lorraine Young in her eight years as secretary to Hillhouse Community Council, Mark Rouse and his involvement in Supporting Our Communities and food provision in the community, Marie McNab for her volunteer and event organisation work, Pauline Condie for her long service caring for the community as a nurse, Dianne McQuilter for her work with Link Resident Group, Chris Hatton for forming the successful Blantyre and Hamilton Litter Pickers, Alexander Wilkie MBE for his fundraising efforts with local groups and charities; looks forward to hearing of the upcoming winners for other South Lanarkshire communities; and wishes them the very best in their future voluntary works.

1029 Step Count Challenge

Tabled: 3/03/22 Signatories: 1

Mr Alistair Carmichael

That this House congratulates Twisted Blisters for winning the autumn Step Count Challenge, organised by Paths for All, Scotland's national walking charity; notes that the five-strong team, which also won in 2019, is made up of Shetland Islands Council employees; believes that they fended off stiff competition from over 480 teams from across Scotland; understands that one of the group achieved one million steps in the four-week period that the walking challenge took place and that each member walked on average three times each day in order to get their steps in; notes the benefits of walking to both mental and physical health and its help in work towards the goal of a happier, healthier and greener Scotland; looks forward to the launch of the next Step Count Challenge in May 2022; and encourages other organisations and individuals to get their boots on and take part.

1030 Property seizures in Iran

Tabled: 3/03/22 Signatories: 1

Mr Alistair Carmichael

That this Houses notes reports from Iran of the seizure of six properties owned by members of the Baha'i faith in the town of Semnan; further notes that ownership of these properties has been transferred to a parastatal organisation, the Execution of the Imam Khomeini's Order (EIKO), by the order of the Special Court for Article 49 of the Iranian constitution; and observes that Hamid Ahmadi, a provincial manager for EIKO, is reported to have initiated the court action, resulting in the expropriations of the properties of members of the Baha'i community from which his own organisation is the direct beneficiary; and calls on the Government to make representations to the Iranian Embassy, calling on the authorities to rescind those unjust seizures of the lawful property of members of a religious minority community.

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.

983 Care workers and vaccination as a condition of employment

Tabled: 21/02/22 Signatories: 18

Paula Barker
Rachael Maskell
Ian Lavery
Kim Johnson
Mary Kelly Foy
Mick Whitley

Jeremy Corbyn
 Claudia Webbe
 Andy McDonald

Rebecca Long Bailey
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Kate Osborne
 John McDonnell

That this House notes that vaccination as a condition of deployment within health and social care would deepen the existing staffing crisis and pose an existential threat to the NHS and our social care system; notes that tens of thousands of residential care workers have lost their jobs since November 2021 when vaccination became a condition of deployment within CQC-registered care homes in England; believes that any review and revocation of vaccination as a condition of deployment within health and social care should apply retrospectively and ensure that care workers who have been dismissed or left employment due to compulsory vaccination do not suffer loss or detriment; and therefore calls on the Government to ensure that care workers have the right to be re-employed in their previous role, including protection of continuity of service, and provide appropriate funds to compensate workers for loss of earning and any pension losses.

994 Venue for 2022 Champions League Final

Tabled: 22/02/22 Signatories: 28

Mr Clive Betts
Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Valerie Vaz
Mr Barry Sheerman

Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House calls for UEFA to move the Champions League final scheduled to take place on Saturday 28 May 2022 from St Petersburg in Russia to a new venue outside of Russia as a result of Russian hostility to Ukraine.

1002 Pension triple lock and pensioner poverty

Tabled: 22/02/22 Signatories: 15

Patricia Gibson
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Douglas Chapman
Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Claudia Webbe

That this House acknowledges the 5.5 per cent rise in inflation which saw the cost-of-living soar to a 30-year high in January, with energy, fuel and food prices all being impacted; recognises that more than two million older people are already living in poverty in the UK, up 31 per cent since 2013-14 according to Age UK; is concerned that the removal of the triple lock, the link between earnings and pensions, is already set to see many pensioners approximately £520 worse off over the next 12 months; is concerned that many older people will not be able to afford to keep their homes adequately heated this winter as they struggle with the cost-of-living crisis; is dismayed by the Government's abandonment of a key manifest pledge to protect the pension's triple lock, which has seen pensioners' incomes detrimentally impacted in recent years; notes that inflation may rise above 7 per cent with the price cap on energy prices set to rise again in the coming months; opposes this latest attack on pensioners who have already seen free TV licences removed for the over 75s, suffered cuts to Pension Credit, women born in the 1950s hit by pension changes for which they were unable to financially prepare; and urges the Government to urgently review the State Pension increase for 2022 with a view to restoring the triple lock forthwith.

1006 Accommodation for children in care over the age of 15

Tabled: 24/02/22 Signatories: 21

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Ian Mearns
Kim Johnson
Mohammad Yasin
Mr Virendra Sharma
John McDonnell

Tim Farron

Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House notes with grave concern the introduction of secondary legislation by the Department for Education which guarantees care and regulated accommodation to vulnerable looked-after children only to the age of 15; and is further concerned by the disproportionate impact this policy has on boys and children from black, Asian and minority ethnic communities; further adds that between 2018 and 2020, 22 children in care aged 16 and 17 died while living in this type of unregulated setting which is devoid of care and consistent adult supervision; further champions the charity Article 39 and the delegation of care experienced people who handed over a 10,700 signature-strong #KeepCaringTo18 petition to Downing Street on this issue; and urgently calls on the Government to change this legislation to ensure all looked after children, no matter what their age, live in accommodation that has carers and provides care.

1010 Support for the pig farming industry

Tabled: 25/02/22 Signatories: 6

Helen Morgan
Wendy Chamberlain
Tim Farron
Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House recognises the huge benefits the domestic pig farming industry brings to the United Kingdom; celebrates that the industry is worth £655 million to the British economy; acknowledges that farmers have been paying the price for problems in the supply chain; further notes that these problems are avoidable; and calls on the Government to offer vital support to pig farmers who face financial ruin, in the form of a targeted funding package and a relaxation of visa rules to prevent labour shortages.

1012 Implementation of the Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review recommendations

Tabled: 28/02/22 Signatories: 11

Cat Smith
Christian Wakeford
Ben Lake
David Linden
Yasmin Qureshi
Rachael Maskell

Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House notes that sodium valproate can cause serious problems in a developing baby; further notes that 10 per cent of babies whose mothers take sodium valproate during pregnancy are at risk of having a birth defect, and up to 40 per cent have problems with development and learning as they grow; welcomes the July 2020 Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review; and calls on the Government to implement its recommendations in full, including paying compensation to people disabled by sodium valproate.

1013 World Seagrass Day

Tabled: 28/02/22 Signatories: 9

Douglas Chapman
Rachael Maskell
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Sir Mike Penning
Jim Shannon

Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House celebrates World Seagrass Day and recognises the important role of seagrass restoration as a nature-based solution to the climate and biodiversity crisis; further recognises the vital role of seagrass meadows as marine powerhouses in terms of increasing biodiversity, as a blue carbon store, as a way of enhancing coastal defences and a habitat for a huge variety of life in our shallow, sheltered waters; understands the great threat to these habitats, with an estimated loss of the size of two football pitches an hour across the globe; and calls for the UK Government

to support these important marine habitats and celebrate some of the incredible community-led projects around Scotland such as Restoration Forth in the Dunfermline and West Fife constituency, which aims to restore and sustainably manage seagrass habitats in the Firth of Forth.

1014 Pre-legislative scrutiny and delay for the Government's proposed conversion therapy legislation

Tabled: 28/02/22 Signatories: 3

Sir Robert Syms
Jim Shannon
Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House notes Government plans to legislate to ban conversion therapy; further notes that any legislation will cover sexual orientation and gender identity but that no definition of conversion therapy has been agreed and that there is already primary legislation which prohibits coercive conversion practices; is concerned that rushed or badly drafted legislation could criminalise private consensual conversations regarding sexual orientation and gender identity, the work of faith communities and counsellors, providers of children's services and others and prevent open and explorative discussions on sexual identity and gender; notes a lack of clarity on what gender identity is and the risk of criminal sanction for people seeking to use legitimate therapies to help children and young people with gender dysphoria as an alternative to pharmaceutical and surgical interventions; further notes that the EHRC highlighted that the proposals demonstrate a lack of clear definitions, have wide ranging implications and potential unintended consequences for new legislation, fail to recognise complexities including new gender dysphoria research, and the need to wait for the findings of the Cass Review of gender identity services for children and young people, due in the summer; notes that there is a lack of evidence to show that new legislation is needed and the possibility that such legislation will breach Articles 8 and 9 of the European Convention on Human Rights; and urges the Government to delay any new legislation until at least publication of the Cass Report and to commit to pre-legislative scrutiny of any new Bill.

1015 Ovarian Cancer Month 2022

Tabled: 28/02/22 Signatories: 11

Jim Shannon
Rachael Maskell
Sir Mike Penning
Gavin Robinson
Jonathan Edwards
Paula Barker

Claire Hanna

Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House notes Ovarian Cancer Month in March; highlights the campaign by Target Ovarian Cancer to highlight the major symptoms of Ovarian Cancer acknowledging that four in 10 women wrongly believe their cervical screening also detects Ovarian Cancer and that knowing the symptoms is a key for early detection; thanks all of those who, in recognition of the 11 women per day who die in the UK from Ovarian Cancer, have pledged to walk 11,000 miles each day in March to raise money for the charity; and calls upon the Government to train more GPs in symptom spotting for Ovarian Cancer as well as to shorten the diagnostic pathway by carrying out CA125 blood test along with ultrasounds as standard practice.

1017 Royal Mail workforce reductions

Tabled: 1/03/22 Signatories: 18

Kate Osborne
Grahame Morris
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Paula Barker
Kate Hollern
Andy McDonald

Dan Carden

Claudia Webbe

That this House expresses alarm at plans by Royal Mail to reduce frontline managerial jobs by 900 posts, a reduction that will further harm the postal service in this country; condemns this continued attack on the jobs of workers while shareholders receive £311 million in rewards; is appalled at the treatment of postal managers, who have been the hidden heroes of the service during the coronavirus pandemic, working excessive hours with no additional pay in order to ensure that the public receives their post and packages; calls on Royal Mail to immediately engage with the workforce and its union, Unite, to save these jobs; is concerned that Royal Mail is already failing to meet its public service obligation, with delays to post now a regular occurrence around the country; agrees with Unite that the removal of hundreds of core workers is a senseless move that will see the service worsen; and calls on the regulator to intervene immediately to prevent Royal Mail taking a death-by-a-thousand-cuts approach to a cornerstone public service.

1020 Defibrillator fundraising by Jamie Canavan

Tabled: 2/03/22 Signatories: 3

David Linden
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon

That this House commends Glasgow East constituent Jamie Canavan on his fundraising efforts for a defibrillator to be placed in the Shettleston community; notes that after witnessing a man receiving CPR on the side of the road, Jamie Canavan set about ensuring that the local community was equipped with a defibrillator; further notes that Jamie Canavan set up a go fund me page where he proceeded to raise the necessary £1,595 for a defibrillator; congratulates Jamie on his commitment to the local community; and thanks him for his fundraising efforts.

1022 Fleetwood's artists Inside Out exhibition

Tabled: 2/03/22 Signatories: 2

Cat Smith
Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates all the local artists who contributed to Fleetwood's Inside Out exhibition; congratulates their work which has been awarded England's runner up award at the Creative Lives Awards 2022; and notes Gillian Wood and all Fleetwood's local artists' work being recognised nationally.

1023 Effect of a temporary timetable on the Pontefract line

Tabled: 2/03/22 Signatories: 2

Jon Trickett
Jim Shannon

That this House regrets the reduction in timetabled rail services and continued operation of a temporary timetable by Northern Rail on users of the Pontefract Line between Leeds and Knottingley; regrets the impact on users of stations of all stations, including at Streethouse and Featherstone in the Hemsworth constituency; notes there are no alternative bus routes from Streethouse or Featherstone to Leeds; further notes that users of those locations can no longer arrive in Leeds before 9am; believes this demonstrates the failure of the Government's Levelling Up agenda and ongoing need to invest in improving connectivity; and urges the Secretary of State for Transport to ensure the necessary requirements are in place to ensure Northern Rail provides sufficient services on the Pontefract Line.

1024 Children's rights

Tabled: 2/03/22 Signatories: 3

Layla Moran [R]
Jim Shannon
Claire Hanna

That this House recognises the importance of children's human rights; reaffirms its support for the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) in its entirety, in particular to its four General Principles, non-discrimination (article 2), best interest of the child (article 3), right to life survival and development (article 6) and right to be heard (article 12); and urges the Government to do all they can to ensure that other countries are held to account in applying the UNCRC, especially in countries where there may be armed conflict and notes in particular Afghanistan, Yemen, Tigray and in Palestine and the occupied territories.

1025 Jive Candy and Top Tier Wedding Awards evening entertainers 2021

Tabled: 2/03/22 Signatories: 4

Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Stewart Hosie

That this House congratulates Dundee band Jive Candy on being voted Evening Entertainers of the Year at the 2021 Top Tier Wedding Awards; notes that this is the second time Jive Candy have won the award having also been victorious in 2018; further notes that 120 North East of Scotland wedding suppliers were nominated across 19 categories; applauds the contribution of all wedding suppliers in Scotland; acknowledges the resilience and goodwill of the Scottish wedding industry while covid-19 protection measures were in place; and commends the role of Elite Promotions in showcasing the wedding industry in the North East of Scotland.

1026 European Geostationary Navigation Overlay ServiceTabled: **2/03/22** Signatories: **3****Angus Brendan MacNeil**
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon

That this House calls on the Government to re-join the European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service (EGNOS); notes that EGNOS is a Safety-of-Life service that is required across the UK for safe flight operations from the Hebrides to the Isles of Scilly; recognises airline services to be vital in many places for bringing mail and cargo, taking people to and from medical appointments, facilitating search and rescue operations and general travel and without this capability there is a risk to life; observes that since leaving EGNOS in June 2021 that the UK is the only G20 country without any satellite-based aviation navigation capability; and urges the Government to swiftly review and reassess the decision to leave EGNOS.