



House of Commons

Monday 8 November 2010

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729 *TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (S.I., 2010, No. 2134)***14:9:10**

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Roberta Blackman-Woods
Dr Alan Whitehead

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925 *CHILD TRUST FUNDS*

1:11:10

Valerie Vaz
Mark Durkan
Jim Dobbin
Martin Caton
Mr Alan Meale
Paul Flynn

★ 13

Mrs Mary Glendon

That this House notes with alarm the Government's decision to abolish child trust funds for all children born after January 2011; acknowledges the success of the Child Trust Fund scheme in nurturing a savings culture and providing a future fund for young people, be it for university fees, accommodation, driving lessons, or expenses while undertaking an apprenticeship, for example; further acknowledges that £2 billion is currently held in child trust funds, and that 74 per cent. of these accounts were opened voluntarily by parents; recognises child trust funds as a progressive tool of social mobility, and of particular value to disadvantaged children; further notes that the cost of child trust funds is only £525 million a year, and that this figure is small compared with the money that could be raised from even modest bank levies; and calls on the Government urgently to reconsider the abolition of these effective savings funds.

928 *UK YOUTH PARLIAMENT DEBATE 2010*

1:11:10

Valerie Vaz
Peter Bottomley
Mark Durkan
Bob Russell
Andrew George
Jim Dobbin

★ 30

Tim Farron

Mrs Mary Glendon

That this House congratulates the members of the UK Youth Parliament on their performance in the debates held in the House on 29 October 2010, chaired by Mr Speaker; commends the respectful way in which they spoke, listened to and supported each other; recognises the important contributions that these young people are making, and will continue to make, in raising awareness of both political participation and the urgent issues of the day; and thanks the Serjeant at Arms and her staff for their roles in co-ordinating this important event.

929 *CLOSURE OF TRENCH (UK) BY SIEMENS*

1:11:10

Mr Stephen Hepburn
Peter Bottomley
Mr John Leech
Martin Caton
Mr Alan Meale
Mr Mike Hancock

★ 44

Bill Esterson

Dr John Pugh

Mrs Mary Glendon

That this House notes with deep concern the actions by Siemens plc in planning to close the highly profitable longstanding British manufacturer Trench (UK) Ltd (formerly The Bushing Company) in Hebburn, Tyne and Wear, in September 2012 and taking its full order book to its plants in Germany, France and China; further notes that Trench (UK), which has 96 employees, produces state-of-the-art high voltage electrical products called bushings, which are fundamental to the supply of electricity in the UK through the National Grid network; acknowledges that Trench (UK) is a world leader in this field and that this expertise will be lost from the UK by its closure; and calls on Siemens plc to reconsider this decision.

930 *CONDUCT OF GENERAL ELECTION IN HALIFAX*

1:11:10

Craig Whittaker
Peter Bottomley
Robert Halfon
John Hemming

★ 4

That this House is concerned at allegations of high levels of voter fraud in Halifax and elsewhere at the 2010 General Election; notes that Calderdale Council has admitted that 763 postal votes from Halifax constituency in that election failed to match voter registration records; is alarmed that, despite the submission of a five page dossier to West Yorkshire Police in May 2010, highlighting examples of voter impersonation, bullying, multiple postal voting, bogus voters and false registration, no formal police investigation was started until September 2010, and only then after resistance; and calls on West Yorkshire Police to instigate an immediate and full investigation into these very serious allegations.

As an Amendment to Craig Whittaker's proposed Motion (Conduct of General Election in Halifax):

Mrs Linda Riordan
Mr Kevan Jones
Mr Eric Illsley
Mr Gerry Sutcliffe
Mr Dennis Skinner
Mr Alan Meale

★ 10

Bill Esterson

Katy Clark

Line 1, leave out from 'House' to end and add 'condemns the inaccurate and misleading information the Conservative Party has put in the public domain regarding their false allegations of Labour voter fraud in Halifax; notes that the police have put out a statement saying their preliminary investigations into this issue were completed without resistance on their part by July; further notes that the Conservative Party's statement that these investigations were started by the police in September 2010 is factually inaccurate; further notes that the BBC's Politics Show investigated the allegations at the weekend and found nothing to back up the Conservative claims; praises the impartiality and integrity of Calderdale Police and Calderdale Council's electoral services office; looks forward to the findings of the police investigation being completed on Friday 5 November 2010; calls on the Conservative Party to apologise for the behaviour of the defeated Conservative candidate in Halifax; further calls on the Conservative Party to condemn the defeated Conservative candidate in Halifax for signing a Facebook petition calling for a by-election in Halifax; further notes that there is no substance to any of these allegations; further notes that people dislike a bad loser; and suggests that if the police findings show no proof of any of these allegations the Conservative Party should issue a full and frank apology for their smears, spin and untruths.'

2:11:10 (a1)

931 *TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION***1:11:10**

Annette Brooke
Bob Russell
Andrew George
Mark Durkan
Jim Dobbin
Mr John Leech

★ 20

Dr John Pugh Tim Farron

That this House congratulates the Soroptimist International of Poole for highlighting issues of trafficking for sexual exploitation through the Purple Teardrop Campaign; recognises that over the last year 4,000 people have been trafficked into the UK and forced to work as prostitutes; notes that advertisements for services of a sexual nature increase the demand for trafficking; is concerned that advertising of sex for sale increases greatly when large numbers of tourists gather for sporting events, such as the Olympics; is further concerned that any cuts in police funding should not impact on the ability of police forces to take effective action against trafficking; and urges the Government to take action to reduce demand in the UK for trafficked women.

932 *CLASSIFICATION OF LIP-READING CLASSES***1:11:10**

Annette Brooke
Peter Bottomley
Bob Russell
Andrew George
Mark Durkan
Mr John Leech

★ 20

Dr John Pugh Valerie Vaz
Tim Farron Mrs Mary Glendon

That this House notes that lip-reading is a vital communication skill for many people with hearing loss, which prevents social isolation, increases confidence and independence and helps keep people in employment; congratulates the Royal National Institute for the Deaf on its Read My Lips campaign and audit of lip-reading provision across the UK; further notes with concern that lip-reading is currently classified by the Skills Funding Agency as a leisure activity; further notes that this means that those wishing to learn to lip-read have access to the same level of funding as those who wish to learn cake decorating or balloon modelling; further notes with concern that this lack of funding means that in some parts of England and Wales a course of lip-reading classes can cost as much as £300 per year, meaning the lifeline to continued social interaction and employment which lip-reading can provide remains out of reach for many of the most vulnerable in society; further notes that without the increased level of funding that this classification will provide, as many as one in five lip-reading classes across England and Wales are under threat of closure in the next 12 months; and calls on the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills and the Skills Funding Agency to recognise lip-reading as an essential skill and reclassify it accordingly.

933 *DUNDEE FC POINTS DEDUCTION***1:11:10**

Jim McGovern
Jim Sheridan
Mr George Mudie
Cathy Jamieson
Pamela Nash
Fiona O'Donnell

★ 23

Tim Farron

That this House supports Dundee Football Club during its time of financial difficulty; hopes that the Scottish Football League may reconsider its decision to deduct 25 points from the team; recognises that the financial problems faced by Dundee FC are similar to problems faced by companies across Scotland and the UK, and punishments such as these are only likely to cause further harm; and asks the UK Government and the Scottish Executive to look sympathetically on historic community organisations such as 117-year old Dundee FC.

934 RETIREMENT DEVELOPMENT SERVICE CHARGES**1:11:10**

Mr Adrian Sanders
Peter Bottomley
Bob Russell
Andrew George
Mark Durkan
Mr John Leech

★ 23

Tim Farron
Valerie Vaz

Mrs Mary Glendon
Simon Wright

That this House notes with concern the report published by Age UK on 4 October 2010 regarding private retirement developments; further notes that too many older people are facing ever-increasing service charge bills, leading to anxiety and a risk to financial security; is concerned by the high fees levied on residents who wish to sell or rent their property; and calls on the Government to simplify the procedure by which leaseholders can challenge their unfair leasehold terms and to review and regulate the private retirement sector to bring an end to all unscrupulous companies.

936 CANCER-RELATED HAIR LOSS AND WIG SERVICES IN THE NHS 1:11:10

Mrs Sharon Hodgson
Mr Steve Brine
Annette Brooke
Ian Mearns
Mr David Amess
Mr John Leech

★ 27

Tim Farron

Mrs Mary Glendon

That this House recognises the often profound psychological and physical impact that hair loss can have on individuals undergoing treatment for cancer and on those with alopecia; notes with concern the variation in quality, access and equity of wig provision across the UK; further notes the significant impact that good quality wigs and wig services can have on the self-esteem and self-confidence of individuals following treatment for cancer or as a result of other medical hair loss; further recognises the vital work being undertaken by My New Hair in campaigning for an improvement in the quality and choice of wigs provided by the NHS; warmly welcomes My New Hair's work in providing a national helpline and online resource where patients and carers can access the information they need in order to make an informed choice about the services available to them, including on choosing a wig, options for children, men and minority ethnic groups through to aftercare and styling; and calls on the Government to take action to reassess the current commissioning guidelines for NHS wig services in order to provide a high standard of care to all individuals suffering from alopecia or medical hair loss.

938 OSTEOPOROSIS**1:11:10**

Mr Gordon Marsden
Mrs Linda Riordan
Lorely Burt
Mrs Eleanor Laing
Jim Dobbin
Mr John Leech

★ 26

Dr John Pugh

Mrs Mary Glendon

That this House notes that osteoporosis causes fragile bones, which can lead to painful and disabling fractures; is concerned that in the UK, one in two women and one in five men will suffer a fracture at some point after the age of 50, mainly because of poor bone health; is concerned about the increase in fragility fracture incidence that is predicted, partly as a result of the ageing population; welcomes the fact that comprehensive falls and fracture services have been proven to reduce fracture rates and could save £8.5 million for the NHS and social care in England during the coming five years; commends the Fracture Liaison Service in Greater Glasgow, where hospital admissions for hip fracture in older people fell by 7.3 per cent. between 1998 and 2008; and calls on the Government to ensure that a reduction in fragility fracture incidence becomes a key outcome measure for the NHS.

939 *CAMPAIGN FOR WOOL AND BRITISH WOOL WEEK*

2:11:10

Tim Farron
 Andrew George
 Peter Bottomley
 Martin Caton
 Mr Alan Meale
 Mr Eric Illsley

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Dr John Pugh

That this House praises the efforts of the Campaign for Wool in promoting the use of wool for fashion, interior design and the built environment; acknowledges the benefits of wool as a natural and sustainable material with lower carbon emissions in production than man-made fibres; recognises the potential of the introduction of a green label for woollen products to encourage shops to promote wool garments and furnishings; commends HRH The Prince of Wales for his role in promoting the campaign and highlighting the low prices paid to sheep farmers for their fleeces; and calls on the Government to support the campaign to ensure British sheep farming remains an important component of the international textiles industry.

940 *PROSTATE CANCER AND MOVEMBER CHARITY*

2:11:10

Mr John Leech
 Andrew George
 Bob Russell
 Lorely Burt
 Peter Bottomley
 Mark Durkan

★ 22

Dr John Pugh
 Roger Williams

John Hemming
 David Morris

Mike Gapes

That this House recognises that prostate cancer is the most common cancer amongst men with one man dying every hour from the disease in the UK; acknowledges that nine out of 10 men diagnosed with prostate cancer are over 60 years old and that those with a family history and men from an African or Caribbean background are at higher risk; supports the right of every man over 50, and young men at higher risk, to have access to balanced information about the prostate-specific antigen test, which can help diagnose prostate cancer; welcome the work carried out by the international charity Movember where men are encouraged to grow moustaches to raise awareness and funds for The Prostate Cancer Charity in the UK, with the money raised by Movember going towards the development of programmes related to awareness, public education, advocacy, support of those affected and research into the prevention, detection, treatment and cure of prostate cancer; and calls on the Government to support Movember in raising vital awareness and funds for this terrible disease and to better last year's 45,000 participants and the £5 million raised in the UK.

941 *EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS IN THE RETAIL SECTOR*

2:11:10

Ann Coffey
 Mr David Ward
 Philip Davies
 Kate Green
 Bob Russell
 Peter Bottomley

★ 22

Dr John Pugh

Valerie Vaz

Mrs Mary Glendon

That this House welcomes the British Retail Consortium's new report *Retail in Society: Britain's Favourite Job*; congratulates the contributing retailers on their initiatives to enhance staff skills and provide training opportunities; recognises the excellent prospects for career progression the retail sector delivers through flexible working; appreciates the huge importance of large scale employment that retail can provide, particularly in the current climate; and acknowledges the importance of retail within the private sector as a key driver of growth.

942 *NOT IN MY CUPPA AND COWS BELONG IN FIELDS CAMPAIGNS* **2:11:10**

Nic Dakin
 Mr Michael Meacher
 Alun Michael
 Zac Goldsmith
 Bob Russell
 Mr Russell Brown

★ 43

Stephen Gilbert
 Jim McGovern
 Bill Esterson

Simon Wright
 Annette Brooke
 Tessa Munt

Valerie Vaz
 John Hemming
 Mr Roger Godsiff

That this House welcomes campaigns such as Not In My Cuppa and Cows Belong In Fields to oppose the establishment of intensive dairy units such as that proposed by Nocton Dairies Ltd in Lincolnshire; congratulates the unprecedented collaboration of groups such as the World Society for the Protection of Animals, Compassion in World Farming, the Campaign to Protect Rural England, Friends of the Earth and the Soil Association to work together to oppose such proposals; believes such proposals threaten to take British dairy farming in the wrong direction; acknowledges the latest MORI poll which shows a majority of the British public do not want to drink factory milk from battery cows; and calls on the Government urgently to review their welfare code for cows to ensure such industrial-sized dairies are not approved in the absence of welfare regulations that take into account such an unprecedented change in the way cows are farmed in the UK.

943 *EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCES***2:11:10**

Nic Dakin
 Paul Blomfield
 John Robertson
 Mark Durkan
 Jim Dobbin
 Martin Caton

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Jim McGovern
 Bill Esterson

Valerie Vaz
 Mrs Mary Glendon

That this House expresses deep concern over the sudden, unexpected announcement of the removal of education maintenance allowances (EMAs) from 16 to 19 year olds; notes that EMAs have supported the widening of participation, raising of aspiration and growth in higher attainment levels amongst young people; and believes that their removal is likely to disadvantage seriously young people in lower socio-economic groups and from minority backgrounds in continuing their education, and that it will be to the detriment of the whole country.

944 *BRITISH LUNG FOUNDATION*

2:11:10

Mr Alan Meale
Mr Ronnie Campbell
Ian Lavery
Mark Durkan
Andrew George
Peter Bottomley

★ 20

Dr John Pugh Tim Farron

That this House is aware that annually in Britain approximately eight million UK citizens are affected by lung disease, respiratory health problems being the second biggest killer in the UK with annual death rates almost double the European average; notes that so far over 40 unhealthy lung conditions have been identified including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) the umbrella term used to classify a number of related conditions which includes chronic bronchitis, emphysema and other small airway diseases, that themselves currently kill around 24,000 people every year, a figure higher than the death rates for bowel, breast and prostate cancers; is aware that 17 November 2010 has been designated as World COPD Day, a date chosen also by the British Lung Foundation to launch its Missing Millions Get Tested campaign, aimed at encouraging the estimated 3.7 million in the UK with COPD to register and if necessary receive treatment for their condition; congratulates this excellent organisation for its work; and calls on the Government to give whatever help it can in support of its worthy endeavours.

945 *NORTH WEST DEVELOPMENT AGENCY*

2:11:10

Tony Cunningham
Tony Lloyd
Mark Hendrick
Mr Dave Watts
Derek Twigg
Andrew Miller

★ 14

Bill Esterson John Woodcock

That this House recognises the tremendous work of the North West Development Agency since its inception in 1998; appreciates the invaluable contribution the organisation has made to the economy and social inclusion in all parts of the North West; draws attention in particular to the role and work of the Chief Executive, Steve Broomhead and his dedicated staff; and wishes them all well for the future.

946 *CHARTIST DAY*

2:11:10

Paul Flynn
Mrs Mary Glendon
Kelvin Hopkins
Jessica Morden
Jeremy Corbyn
Andrew George

★ 25

Jim McGovern Tim Farron
Dr John Pugh Valerie Vaz

That this House commemorates the courage and idealism of the Chartist movement; recalls the brutal killing of 20 Welsh Chartists in Newport on 4 November 1839; and congratulates the people of Newport for keeping the memory of their sacrifices alive with commemorative events on Chartist Day.

947 *NICE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE DRUGS* **2:11:10**

Jim Dobbin
Peter Bottomley
Mr David Crausby
Mark Durkan
Martin Caton
Mr Ronnie Campbell

★ 16

Dr John Pugh

Mrs Mary Glendon

That this House notes that dementia is a devastating illness which affects over 800,000 people in the UK, two-thirds of them suffering from Alzheimer's disease and with only about a tenth receiving drug treatment; understands that for patients suffering in all stages of the disease some drug treatments can help to alleviate symptoms but that currently there are no National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) recommended treatment options for mild or severe forms of the disease; believes that the current NICE technology appraisal of Alzheimer's disease will allow drugs, which can improve the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease, to be more widely available; congratulates NICE on its recently published draft guidance on Alzheimer's disease, which recommends the use of donepezil, galantamine and rivastigmine for Alzheimer's patients suffering from a mild and moderate form of the disease as well as recommending memantine for use in patients suffering from severe Alzheimer's and some moderate Alzheimer's patients; welcomes that there will now be NICE recommended treatment options for patients suffering at all stages of Alzheimer's disease, which will help to alleviate the terrible symptoms for thousands of patients; further notes that NICE has recognised the benefits that memantine can have on patients suffering from behavioural symptoms of Alzheimer's disease, including aggression and agitation; further welcomes the contribution this could have towards reducing the prescriptions of anti-psychotic chemical cosh drugs; and looks forward to the current draft recommendations being finalised unchanged at the end of the consultation period.

948 *TONYPANDY RIOTS***2:11:10**

Chris Bryant
Kevin Brennan
Mr Wayne David
Mark Tami
Paul Flynn
Jessica Morden

★ 24

Jim McGovern

Valerie Vaz

Mr Tom Clarke

That this House commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Tonypandy riots, which started with a skirmish between striking miners and local police at the Glamorgan Colliery in Llwynypia on 7 November 1910 and led to the then Liberal Home Secretary, Winston Churchill, drafting hundreds of cavalry troops and metropolitan officers into the Rhondda; notes the important contribution that the Cambrian Lodge of the South Wales Miners Federation played in the fight for improved working conditions for miners and a national minimum wage in the early part of the 20th century; pays tribute to those who were injured and prosecuted as well as the one miner, Sam Rhys, who was killed in the dispute; further notes the importance of these events as a milestone in the history of the state's overbearing response to industrial action; and welcomes the many commemorative events that will be taking place throughout the Rhondda and South Wales to mark the anniversary over the coming year.

950 *FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SOCIAL CARE***3:11:10**

Ms Margaret Ritchie
 Mark Durkan
 Mr Alan Meale
 Jim Dobbin

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That this House welcomes the pledge to provide an additional £2 billion to social care but recognises that this support could be lost by the removal of family household income through benefit reductions; and calls for assistance to be provided to carers and their families to help them survive financially.

951 *NORTHERN IRELAND AGGREGATES LEVY CREDIT SCHEME***3:11:10**

Ms Margaret Ritchie
 Mark Durkan
 Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson
 Jim Dobbin

★ 4

That this House calls for the immediate re-introduction of the Northern Ireland Aggregates Levy Credit Scheme; notes the detrimental impact the withdrawal of this scheme will have on the Northern Ireland quarry and aggregates sector; and further calls on the Government to look at alternative ways forward ahead of the introduction of the 2011 Budget.

952 *SALE AND USE OF FIREWORKS***3:11:10**

Mr Fabian Hamilton
 Peter Bottomley
 Mr Alan Meale
 Michael Connarty
 Jeremy Corbyn
 Jim Dobbin

★ 6

That this House recognises the serious problem that exists in many communities surrounding the misuse and abuse of fireworks; supports limiting the sale of fireworks to legitimate organisations and individuals; encourages the stricter enforcement of existing laws regarding the restrictions on the sale of fireworks to minors; and recommends minimum pricing to reduce the inappropriate use of fireworks.

953 *PRISONERS AND THE RIGHT TO VOTE***3:11:10**

Mr Brian Binley
 Mr Graham Stuart
 Martin Vickers
 Mr Jim Cunningham
 Mr William Cash
 Mr Alan Meale

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Tom Blenkinsop
 Dr John Pugh
 Jim Dobbin

Mrs Mary Glendon
 Andrew Percy
 Tracey Crouch

Mr James Gray
 Mr Roger Godsiff

That this House believes that if a crime is serious enough to warrant a term of imprisonment, then the perpetrator must forgo certain civil liberties, including the right to suffrage; and recognises that the right to vote does not aid the rehabilitation of a prisoner and is a privilege that should be exclusively reserved for law-abiding citizens.

955 ISLAMOPHOBIA**3:11:10**

Mark Hendrick
Mr David Crausby
Simon Danczuk
Mr Virendra Sharma
Valerie Vaz
Mr Khalid Mahmood

★ 28

Tom Blenkinsop

Jim Dobbin

Mrs Mary Glendon

That this House recognises the important contribution the Muslim community makes to society in the UK; recognises the problems they face in day to day life coming up against Islamophobia, both in the workplace and outside; and calls on the Government to bring in tighter regulation to tackle this and other forms of religious and racial discrimination.

956 DIWALI**3:11:10**

Keith Vaz
Peter Bottomley
Andrew George
Mark Durkan
Mr Alan Meale
Stephen Williams

★ 10

Dr John Pugh

Valerie Vaz

Jim Dobbin

That this House recognises the importance of Diwali to communities across the UK which will be celebrating the Festival of Lights on 5 November 2010; welcomes the fact that Hindus and Sikhs in the UK are freely able to observe their faith; wishes all those celebrating a happy Diwali; notes that the message of respect, justice and tolerance that is central to Diwali can be recognised by all those in Britain; and calls on the Government to join Hindus and Sikhs in celebrating the Festival this week.

957 WILD-CAUGHT PRIMATES AND RESEARCH**3:11:10**

Caroline Lucas
Andrew George
Mark Durkan
Mr Alan Meale
Jeremy Corbyn
Dr John Pugh

★ 9

Jim Dobbin

Jonathan Edwards

Mr Adrian Sanders

That this House calls on the Government to completely disassociate itself from the cruel trade in wild-caught primates for research; and further calls on the Government to introduce a complete ban on the import of the offspring of wild-caught primates (F1 and F2 generations) and those from facilities which still capture primates from the wild.

958 EU FUNDING FOR SYMBIAN MOBILE OPERATING SYSTEM**3:11:10**

Robert Halfon
Dr John Pugh

★ 2

That this House notes the fact that the European Union is seeking to use 22 million euros of hard-pressed taxpayers' money to subsidise a mobile operating system called Symbian; further notes that this system is primarily used by Nokia, whose sales have plummeted as a result, and that other competitors have abandoned it due to its outdated technology, bugs and manufacturing errors; is concerned that the European Union is stifling competition and picking losers and frittering away taxpayers' money on a grand scale; and therefore calls on the European Union to cease its anti-competitive policies and, if it can find no better use for the money, to return it to the working families of Britain who are taxed enough already.

959 *EDUCATION IN CONSETT, NORTH WEST DURHAM***4:11:10**

Pat Glass
Ian Mearns
Mrs Mary Glindon
Mrs Jenny Chapman
Mr Kevan Jones
Julie Elliott

★ 9

Jim Dobbin

That this House rejects the comments made by the Secretary of State for Education in the Guardian on Friday 1 October 2010, regarding education in Consett, North West Durham, which implied that children in the area are not currently being academically stretched in school; congratulates Consett Community Sports College and Moorside Community Technology College for its excellent exam results and academic performance; notes that in 2010, 63 per cent. of year 11 leavers at Moorside Community College and 57 per cent. at Consett Community Sports College gained five or more GCSE grades of A*-C including English and mathematics; further congratulates the head teachers, staff and children in Consett for all their hard work and success and wishes them well in the future; and calls on the Coalition Government to release the funding for the much-wanted and prepared-for academy school for the area, putting an end to the anxious wait of all concerned.

960 *FROM AUSCHWITZ TO AMBLESIDE EXHIBITION***4:11:10**

Tim Farron
Peter Bottomley
Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson
Mr Tom Clarke

★ 4

That this House commemorates the three hundred Jewish children who survived the Holocaust who were flown from the Theresienstadt Ghetto to Crosby-on-Eden airfield on 14 August 1945; recognises that these children had been in the Nazi concentration camp system across Occupied Europe prior to their arrival in Britain; praises the post-World War II Government for accepting these children and aiding them in their recuperation; and celebrates the From Auschwitz to Ambleside exhibition at Windermere Library, which tells the stories of these children's lives and the support they received from the local community.

961 *COURT OF APPEAL RULING ON MESOTHELIOMA LIABILITY (No. 2)***4:11:10**

Natascha Engel
Jim Dobbin
John Cryer
Mr Dennis Skinner
Peter Bottomley
Graeme Morrice

★ 6

That this House is concerned that the implications of the decision by the Court of Appeal on 8 October 2010 will be that many victims of asbestos-related disease will die without the certainty that their families will be entitled to compensation; agrees that it is the exposure to asbestos that can lead to the development of fatal diseases such as mesothelioma and that the trigger must therefore be the point of exposure and not, as challenged by the insurance industry, the point the disease develops, which can be many decades later; further agrees with the High Court ruling in 2008 that the insurers who should pay compensation are those who provided cover to the employer at the time of the asbestos exposure; notes this is the latest of many attacks by the insurance industry on compensation for working people who were negligently exposed to deadly asbestos; and calls on the Association of British Insurers to take action against any of its members who are challenging the established trigger that is the point of exposure and support the establishment of an Employers' Liability Insurance Bureau.

962 *WINTER FUEL ALLOWANCE AND BRITISH CITIZENS LIVING ABROAD***4:11:10**

John Mann
Peter Bottomley
Mr Adrian Sanders

★ 3

That this House notes that British citizens living in Spain can claim the winter fuel allowance; believes this defeats the point of the winter fuel allowance; and calls on the Government to examine changing the allowance so that it is not paid to British citizens resident in countries with warm winters.

963 *PROSECUTION OF KURDISH POLITICIANS IN TURKEY***4:11:10**

Jeremy Corbyn
Hywel Williams
Jonathan Edwards
Peter Bottomley

★ 4

That this House deplores the ongoing prosecutions of 151 Kurdish politicians and human rights defenders in Turkey for so-called terrorist offences; notes that they are but a small portion of approximately 1,700 Kurdish politicians arrested in Turkey since 14 April 2009; recognises that the imprisoned include seven elected mayors from the Peace and Democracy Party (BDP) with nearly 100 municipalities and 20 parliamentarians, as well as Mr Muharrem Erbey, lawyer and vice chairman of IHD, Turkey's largest and oldest human rights monitoring group; underscores that this indictment relies heavily on tapped telephone conversations, discussions recorded through remote listening technology and statements by secret witnesses; further notes that this criminalisation of peaceful political activism undermines prospects for a negotiated settlement to this conflict; considers the Turkish court's refusal of the detainees' request to deliver their defence in their native Kurdish language a violation of basic human rights and international law; and calls on the Government to exert pressure on Turkey to acquit the Kurdish politicians and human rights defenders on trial in Diyarbakir, to end its criminalisation of Kurdish political activism and to begin a comprehensive conflict resolution process involving all relevant Kurdish political actors.

965 *FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCOTLAND-MALAWI PARTNERSHIP* **4:11:10**

Tom Greatrex
Mr Tom Clarke

★ 2

That this House recognises the fifth anniversary of the Scotland-Malawi partnership; welcomes the important role played by Scottish organisations in Malawi; notes the historic links between the two countries, initiated by the discovery of Malawi by Blantyre's David Livingstone; welcomes the research undertaken by the University of Edinburgh which found that at least 1.3 million Malawians and 280,000 Scots have benefited from the partnership in the last year; and urges all to sign the partnership's pledge of support.

966 LONDON UNDERGROUND INDUSTRIAL ACTION (NO.2)**4:11:10**

John McDonnell [R]
Jeremy Corbyn
Jonathan Edwards
John Cryer

★ 4

That this House recognises that 11,000 London Underground workers, members of RMT and the Transport Salaried Staffs' Association have felt it necessary to again sacrifice wages to take industrial action over their concern that the Mayor's proposals for massive job cuts will undermine the safe operation of passenger services; is concerned that Transport for London's (TfL) desire to portray itself as vigorous in running services during the strike has directly led to serious security lapses as ghost trains are run through closed stations with untrained staff and Northern Line stations are left unlocked overnight in a breach of regulations, creating a safety risk from vandalism and theft of kit, in order that TfL could add them to their list of open stations; notes that this safety dispute could be resolved by the Mayor of London, adhering to his election pledge on staffing; and calls on the Mayor to meet the trade unions without delay to reaffirm his commitment to reasonable and safe staffing levels.

[R] *Relevant interest declared*

967 INSPECTOR DAMIAN O'REILLY, COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR**8:11:10**

Sir Gerald Kaufman

★ 1

That this House congratulates Inspector Damian O'Reilly of Greater Manchester Police on his award as nationwide winner of Community Police Officer of the Year; and believes that this richly-deserved recognition is a tribute not only to the dedicated service of Inspector O'Reilly in providing effective policing and preserving law and order but also to the work of many other members of Greater Manchester Police in serving the community.

968 HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION OF IRAQI TURKMEN**8:11:10**

Mr Mike Hancock
Bob Russell
Michael Connarty

★ 3

That this House is concerned about the human rights situation of the Iraqi Turkmen, the third largest ethnic group in Iraq, who mainly live in the northern provinces, such as Kirkuk; condemns the ethnic cleansing and assimilation policy of Iraqi Turkmen by both Saddam Hussein's government until 2003 and the Kurds since 2003, who claim the Iraqi Turkmen's lands which are rich with oil, gas sulphur, uranium and phosphorus; notes that the census in Iraq delayed for the third time since 2007 is now due to be held on 5 December 2010; worries that the inclusion of the questions on ethnicity and mother tongue in the census will divide Iraqi people instead of uniting them and might create new outbreaks of violence in this country; further condemns the treatment of the Iraqi Turkmen as the lower class in Iraq in comparison with the Arabs and Kurds; believes all ethnicities in Iraq should possess equal rights; welcomes the work of the Iraqi Turkmen Front to promote the human rights of Iraqi Turkmen such as the right to participate in the forming of the new government and the right to have justice, equality, fairness and an end to the discrimination and violence; and calls on the Prime Minister and the Government to raise the issue of Iraqi Turkmen's human rights with the government of Iraq.

969 *COMMERCIALISATION AND CHILDHOOD***8:11:10**

David Morris

★ 1

That this House notes that childhood is a marketing opportunity worth £99 billion in the UK; is concerned about the effect on children's wellbeing of the volume and some methods of advertising of children's products; is particularly concerned about the use of sex to sell to children; welcomes Mothers' Union's Bye Buy Childhood campaign which challenges the commercialisation of childhood; recalls the Government's promise to tackle the commercialisation and sexualisation of childhood; and calls upon the Government to take steps to fully prohibit sexualised media, marketing and products aimed at or easily accessible to children under 16.

970 *SUPPORT FOR MORTGAGE INTEREST RATES***8:11:10**

Karl Turner
John Mann
Tristram Hunt
Kate Green
Teresa Pearce
Mr Andrew Love

★ 6

That this House is concerned about the impact of the reduction to Support for Mortgage Interest rates from 6.08 per cent. to 3.63 per cent.; recognises some of the support was in need of reform, but notes that these reforms will affect 225,000 people including disabled people and pensioners; is further concerned that claimants were informed only days before and that the letter to claimants contained serious mistakes; is further concerned that the 40 per cent. reduction was implemented before securing a reduction in rates with mortgage lenders and as a result many people face a real threat of eviction; and calls on the Government to work with lenders quickly, to find an urgent solution to this situation and help stop vulnerable people from losing their homes.

971 *REMEMBRANCE SERVICE BY HARLOW BRITISH LEGION AND HARLOW COUNCIL***8:11:10**

Robert Halfon

★ 1

That this House notes the recent memorial service at the Netteswell Memorial Garden in School Lane, Harlow, to mark the building of the new memorial to fallen soldiers who have died in action since the Second World War; believes that it is a tribute to Harlow British Legion and Harlow Council that they ensured the memorial was built; concludes that for too long at remembrance services only the names of those in action before or in the Second World War have been read out; welcomes the fact that in future, all those who have passed away since 1945 will be remembered, including those who died serving recently in Iraq and Afghanistan; and therefore commemorates the day of remembrance for the UK's brave armed forces, which is also a day of dignity for Harlow.

972 *BBC STRIKE AND THE LICENCE FEE***8:11:10**

Robert Halfon

★ 1

That this House believes that the recent BBC strike caused significant inconvenience for licence fee-payers; notes that licence fee-payers had no say over the strike action; concludes therefore that the case is stronger than ever for the BBC licence fee to be democratised allowing ordinary people who pay the licence fee to have a vote on BBC affairs, to elect the BBC Board and Chairman, agree the annual Report and have some say over programme making; further concludes that licence fee-payers should also approve the level of BBC salaries and pensions, especially those of the BBC's highly-paid executives and celebrities; further notes that administration costs could be kept low if licence fee-payers voted via the Internet with a special personal identification number; concludes that the BBC cannot continue without genuine public consultation, when other public institutions are becoming accountable and transparent; and therefore calls on the Government to put power in the hands of licence fee-payers and to give them the freedom to choose the BBC they want.

NAMES WITHDRAWN

- 804** *LOCAL GOVERNMENT (No.2):* Keith Vaz and Mr Virendra Sharma have withdrawn their names