

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP					
Cross-Party Group on Armed Forces Veterans					
DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)					
September 2011					
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM					
30th September 2014					
DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]					
3rd September 2013					
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED					
29 October 2014					
GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES					
Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures.					
Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.					
Date	Main Subject	MSPs attending	Non MSPs attending		
3 Sep 2013	The Annual Report and Topics for Discussion in 2014	5	13		

5 Feb 2014	Housing for Veterans	3	22
23 Apr 2014	Mental Health Issues facing veterans	2	30
11 Jun 2014	Progress of the Scottish Government's 'Our Commitments'	4	14
30 Sep 2014	Veterans Minister Update Brief and AGM	8	24

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Aileen McLeod	SNP
Alex Fergusson	Conservative
Annabelle Ewing	SNP
Dennis Robertson	SNP
Hugh Henry	Labour
Jackie Baillie	Labour
Jackson Carlaw	Conservative
Jamie McGrigor	Conservative
Kenneth Gibson	SNP
Nanette Milne	Conservative
Richard Lyle	SNP
Richard Simpson	Labour
Stewart Maxwell	SNP
Willie Rennie	Liberal Democrat

Individuals	Maurice Stuart-Corrie Ross Swinton Gary Wallace Fergus Woods
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Organisations	Armed Services Advice Project Erskine Glasgow's Helping Heroes Housing Options Scotland Poppyscotland Royal British Legion Scotland SACRO Scottish Veterans Housing Association Scottish Veterans Residences Scottish War Blinded
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	Scottish Association Mental Health (SAMH) Scottish Government – Defence Policy Unit The Thistle Foundation Veterans Scotland 51 Infantry Brigade (Army in Scotland)
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GROUP OFFICE BEARERS

Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.

Convener	Alex Fergusson MSP
Deputy Convener	Hugh Henry MSP Stewart Maxwell MSP Willie Rennie MSP
Secretary	Jim Wilson (Veterans Scotland)
Treasurer	Jim Wilson (Veterans Scotland)

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

No Subscription is Charged

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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