

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Credit Unions

**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.)

30 June 2011

### DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

4 June 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]

19 June 2013

### DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

1 July 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.

#### **9 October 2013**

Attendance: 4 MSP, 46 non-MSP

Reception for International Credit Union Day

Guest speaker: Fergus Ewing MSP (Minister for Energy, Enterprise & Tourism)

#### **15 January 2014**

Attendance: 3 MSP, 30 non-MSP

Topic: Partnerships with churches and faith groups  
 Guest speakers: Rev Iain May (South Leith Parish Church)  
 David Hunter (Church of Scotland)  
 Dr Robbie Mochrie (Heriot-Watt University)

**5 March 2014**

Attendance: 6 MSP, 29 non-MSP  
 Topic: How can the Scottish Government support credit unions?  
 Guest speaker: Fergus Ewing MSP (Minister for Energy, Enterprise & Tourism)

**4 June 2014**

Attendance: 2 MSP, 30 non-MSP  
 AGM – Re-election of office bearers  
 Followed by meeting on topic: Should credit unions offer payday loans?  
 Guest speakers: Carol McHarg (1<sup>st</sup> Alliance (Ayrshire) CU)  
 John Mackin (The Transport CU)

**MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Jackie Baillie MSP (Scottish Labour)  
 Claudia Beamish MSP (Scottish Labour & Co-operative)  
 Kezia Dugdale MSP (Scottish Labour & Co-operative)  
 Neil Findlay MSP (Scottish Labour)  
 Patrick Harvie MSP (Scottish Green Party)  
 Jim Hume MSP (Scottish Liberal Democrats)  
 James Kelly MSP (Scottish Labour & Co-operative)  
 Johann Lamont MSP (Scottish Labour & Co-operative)  
 Jenny Marra MSP (Scottish Labour)  
 Mark McDonald MSP (SNP)  
 Margaret McDougall MSP (Scottish Labour)  
 Anne McTaggart MSP (Scottish Labour)  
 Mary Scanlon MSP (Scottish Conservative & Unionist)  
 Drew Smith MSP (Scottish Labour)  
 Maureen Watt MSP (SNP)  
 John Wilson MSP (SNP)

**NON-MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals	N/A
Organisations	Association of British Credit Unions Limited (ABCUL) 1 <sup>st</sup> Alliance (Ayrshire) Credit Union SCVO Credit Union

Social Enterprise Scotland

### 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

John Wilson MSP

Deputy Convener

Anne McTaggart MSP

Secretary

Frank McKillop (ABCUL)

Treasurer

N/A

### 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).

09/10/13: £1,500 from The Transport Credit Union for catering at International Credit Union Day Parliamentary Reception.

15/01/14: £38.40 from Association of British Credit Unions Ltd (ABCUL) for tea/coffee

05/03/14: £38.40 from Association of British Credit Unions Ltd (ABCUL) for tea/coffee

04/06/14: £38.40 from Association of British Credit Unions Ltd (ABCUL) for tea/coffee

Secretariat support from Frank McKillop, Association of British Credit Unions Ltd (ABCUL), approximately 8 days per year, estimated value £2,400

**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 fee is charged.

**CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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