

CROSS-PARTY GROUPS IN THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

ANNUAL RETURN FORM

1. GROUP NAME <i>Code of Conduct 6.2.4</i>	
Groups that have been accorded recognition will be permitted to use the title <i>Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament</i> .	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Gaelic	
2. DATE GROUP APPROVED	3. DATE ANNUAL REPORT
25 th June 2014	25 th June 2014
4. GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES	
For each group meeting or other activity please provide the date, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and attendance figures (MSP and non-MSP).	
<p>15th May 2013. Annual General Meeting of the Cross Party Group & election of office bearers. Other Issues discussed: Research findings of "Public Attitudes to Gaelic Language in Scotland" - presentation and discussion; The question of Gaelic language presence on the independence referendum ballot paper. (28 attendees - including 4 MSPs)</p> <p>27th November 2013. Issues discussed: A presentation and update on Census data - including geographical analysis; the need for parental support for Gaelic learning in schools; teacher supply in GME; and the desire for support towards Gaelic development in North Lanarkshire. (21 attendees - including 2 MSPs)</p>	
5. GROUP MEMBERS <i>Code of Conduct 6.4, Rules 2, 3, 5, 6 & 8</i>	
When listing members, who are MSPs, only the MSPs name need be given. For members from outwith the Parliament, the name of the member and any employer they represent must be given.	
MSPs	Non-MSPs Individuals
Dave Thomson; Jamie McGrigor; Angus MacDonald; John Finnie; Rhoda Grant	Carole Henderson
	Organisations

	Comunn na Gàidhlig Bòrd na Gàidhlig Comhairle nan Leabhraichean Clì Gàidhlig The Highland Council Comhairle nan Eilean An Comunn Gàidhealach MG Alba Cearcall Còmhradh Fìobha UHI Fèisean nan Gàidheal
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6. GROUP OFFICERS *Code of Conduct 6.4, Rule 4*

Please amend titles as necessary e.g. to indicate joint office holders, or preferred titles.

Convener	Angus MacDonald, MSP
Vice-Convener	Dave Thompson, MSP
Secretary	Donald MacNeill, Comunn na Gàidhlig
Treasurer	N/A

7. FINANCIAL OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED *Code of Conduct 6.3.1 & 6.3.6, 6.4 Rule 10*

The group must register any financial or other material benefit received by the group from whatever source, where the value of the financial sum or benefit from any single source exceeds £500 in any one calendar year. This includes donations, sponsorship, subscriptions, hospitality, gifts, visits, provision of services or accommodation or staff assistance. The value of use of Parliamentary facilities need not be registered.

The details requiring to be registered include a brief description of the benefit, the approximate monetary value, the date on which it was received and the source from which it came. Where a consultancy organisation provides benefits, the client on whose behalf these are provided should be named.

Date	Amount	Description
2013/14	£700	CnaG; Secretariat and translation support for CPG

8. GROUP SUBSCRIPTION *Code of Conduct 6.4, Rule 9*

Where a group charges or proposes to charge a subscription, this must be reasonable and the same for all members. The amount of the subscription should be registered and the purposes for which it is intended to use the subscription.

Amount per group member per year	No subscription charged
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Date subscription applied	
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9. GROUP STAFF AS PARLIAMENTARY PASS HOLDERS

If a group makes use of staff issued with a Parliamentary pass, any paid activity undertaken by those staff where the employer benefits from the pass holder's access to the Parliament must be registered. There is no need to state the amount of remuneration. The requirement relates both to staff employed directly by the group and to staff employed by an outside organisation to provide assistance to the group.

Staff name	Not applicable
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Title of post	
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Name and address of employer organisation	
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Type of employer organisation	
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10. GROUP CONTACT *Code of Conduct 6.3.4, 6.3.5 and 6.5.1 – 6.5.4*

Please give the full details of an elected official of the group who is an MSP who will be the contact for registration matters for the group. Initially this must be the Member who signs the declaration on compliance with the rules on behalf of the group. If a group subsequently changes the designated contact, the office of the Standards Clerk must be informed within 7 days of the change.

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