

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Middle East and South Asia

**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.)

**November 2011**

### DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

**21 April 2015**

**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]

**2 April 2014**

### DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

**1 June 2015**

### 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.

8 October 2014 – Presentation by the Kurdistan Regional Government High Representative in the UK, Ms Bayan Sami Abdul Rahamn, on the situation in the region regarding Islamic State militants and refugees.

Hanzala Malik MSP (Convener), Jamie McGrigor MSP, Anne McTaggart MSP, Lewis MacDonald MSP  
Malcom Chisholm MSP, Bob Doris MSP.

Non-MSP – 17

21 April 2015 - AGM /discussion of implication of elections in Turkey and current situation in Syria.

MSP - 2

Non MSP – 2

### **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Hanzala Malik - Labour  
Jamie McGrigor - Conservative  
Jim Eadie - SNP  
William Rennie – Lib Dems  
Anne McTaggart - Labour  
Christina McKelvie - SNP  
Margaret McCulloch - Labour  
Mary Fee - Labour  
Sarah Boyack - Labour

### **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

Umbreen Khalid  
Dr Crispin Bates  
Dr Patricia Jeffrey  
Mohammed Aslam  
Masud khan  
Shami Khan  
Khalid Mir  
Dr Andrew Newman  
Jack Feimann  
Naeem Khalid  
Faten Hameed  
Javed Tariq  
Tahir Bashir  
Bilal Ahmed  
Goran Abdulla  
Cllr Mohammed Razaq  
Eddie Holmes  
Bob Haddow

Organisations	FRAE Fife Today's Scotland Edinburgh Kurdish Society Beyond the Veil Edinburgh Lothian and Borders Police Scottish Arab Federation (SAFe) West of Scotland Regional Equality Council Muslim Strategic Sisterhood Scotland (MS3) Edinburgh and East of Scotland Pakistan Association Alwaleed Centre for Centre for the Study of Islam in the Contemporary World (University of Edinburgh) Kurdish Society Scotland Scottish Iraqi Society Friends of Living Stones Charity
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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	Hanzala Malik MSP
Deputy Convener	Jamie McGrigor MSP, Jim Eadie MSP, William Rennie MSP
Secretary	Umbreen Khalid
Treasurer	Cllr Mohammed Razaq

### **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.

None

### CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Hanzala Malik MSP
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