

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Rail
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.)
5th November 2013
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
11th November 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]
25th November 2014
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
18th December
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.
3 rd February - A presentation from Abellio's Director of Rail Business Development, Mike Kean, who spoke on the subject of the new ScotRail franchise followed by a Question and answer session. Attendance was 2 MSPs and 29 non-MSPs. 10 th March - A presentation from Serco's Caledonian Sleeper Managing Director, Peter Strachan, who spoke on the subject of the new Caledonian Sleeper franchise

followed by a Question and answer session. Attendance was **2** MSPs and **28** non-MSPs.

28th April - A presentation from Rail Freight Group's David Spaven, who spoke on the subject of the Rail Freight in Scotland followed by a Question and answer session. Attendance was ? MSPs and ? non-MSPs.

[Clerks note: this meeting was inquorate and therefore classed as an informal meeting. No minutes will be posted onto the CPG webpage and this meeting does not count towards the requirements set out in the Code of Conduct that all Groups must hold two meetings per year]

15th September - Comments by the The Minister For Transport and Islands, Derek MacKay MSP followed by a Question and answer session. Attendance was **4** MSPs and **26** non-MSPs.

11th November - East Coast Main Line authorities' presentation: Russell Imrie and Alex Macaulay of SESTRAN. Followed by an update on rail reopening proposals (eg Leven, St Andrews, Hawick, Glasgow Crossrail, Aberdeen area and Callander). Attendance was **2** MSPs and **24** non-MSPs.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Bob Doris
Cameron Buchanan
Graeme Dey
Hugh Henry
James Kelly
John Finnie
Kenneth Gibson
Liz Smith
Margaret McDougall
Mark Griffin
Mary Fee
Patricia Ferguson
Patrick Harvie
Richard Lyle
Willie Coffey

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	Allan Maclean,
Organisations	Abellio ScotRail Campaign for Borders Rail First Group Capital Rail Action Group Friends of the Far North Lines Keith Robson Consultancy LevenMouth Rail Campaign Light Rail Transit Association Network Rail Pagoda PR Passenger Focus Rail Action Group East of Scotland Rail Future (Scotland) RailQwest Rock DCM RMT SAYLSA Scottish Chambers of Commerce SESTRANS Siemens Starlink Stephen Young & Associates Strathclyde Partnership for Transport TACTRAN Transform Scotland Transport Scotland. WestCoast Rail 250

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.

Co-Convener	John Mason MSP
Co-Convener	Neil Bibby MSP

Secretary	Allan McLean
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).

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

N/A

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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