

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Scotch Whisky
DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (the date of establishment is the date 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.)
07 September 2011
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
12 June 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.
29 May 2014 Topic: Scotch Whisky by-products for animal feed and renewable energy. Guest Speaker: Graham Hutcheon, Edrington, and Julie Hesketh-Laird, SWA. Topic: VisitScotland working in partnership with the Scotch Whisky industry. Guest Speaker: Leon Thomson, VisitScotland MSPs - 6 Non-MSPs - 14
23 April 2014 Topic: Scotch Whisky tasting. Provided by John Dewars & Sons and the Scotch Whisky Association MSPs – 6 Non-MSPs- 35
9 January 2014 Topic: The Scotch Whisky Action Fund, launched by the Scotch Whisky Association, to support and develop projects that work to reduce the impact of alcohol-related harm in Scotland’s communities. Guest speakers: Douglas Meikle, Scotch Whisky Association, and Helen Wray, Foundation Scotland. MSPs – 2 Non-MSPs - 12
12 September 2013 Topic: Malt Whisky Trail and Scottish tourism.

Guest Speaker: James Johnston, Chairman Malt Whisky Trail.
 An update on Scotch Whisky industry was also provided.
 MSPs - 6 and Non-MSPs - 13

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names of all MSP members of the Group. Note that only names need to be provided, no party designation or other information is required.

Mary Scanlon, Annabelle Ewing, Gordon MacDonald, David Stewart, Christine Grahame, Claudia Beamish, Dennis Robertson, Hugh Henry, Jackie Baillie, Jackson Carlaw, Liam McArthur, Margaret Mitchell, Mary Fee, Rob Gibson, Bruce Crawford.

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	
Organisations	Scotch Whisky Association, Chivas Brothers, Diageo, Pinsentmasons, Caledonia Consulting, SEPA, Scottish Enterprise.

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	Mary Scanlon/Annabelle Ewing
Deputy Convener	David Stewart/Gordon MacDonald
Secretary	Beatrice Morrice (Scotch Whisky Association)
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.

The Scotch Whisky Association (SWA) provides secretariat support for the CPG. This would represent a maximum of eight hours in total which would be less than £150 when taking into consideration the member of staff's salary.

In addition, the SWA paid for lunches at each meeting above which amounts to a total of: £286.80

(Sept – £106.20, January – £70.80, May – £109.80).

The cost to the SWA for the tasting event in April amounted to: £676.92

When taking these benefits together, the support provided by the Scotch Whisky Association including catering, the tasting event and secretarial support amounts to over £500 at a total of: £1113.72

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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