

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Turkey
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.)
10 February 2014
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
23 February 2016
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]
3 February 2016
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
29 February 2016
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.
Meeting Date: 31 March 2015 Attendance: 3 MSPs and 14 Non-MSPs Guest Speakers: Colin Imrie, Scottish Government Head of European Relations Euan Mackenzie, Scottish Government

Topics Discussed:

- Scotland's International Policy and Turkey's economic links with the UK and Scotland.
- Anniversary of Gallipoli Campaign and its historical Importance between two countries.
- The role of culture and cultural links between Turkey and Scotland.

Meeting Date: 22 September 2015
Attendance: 2 MSPs and 7 Non-MSPs

Topics Discussed:

- Turkish Economy and economic links between Scotland and Turkey.
- Cultural links between Scotland and Turkey and issues concerning the teaching of Turkish language to Turkish and Scottish communities.
- Political Climate in Turkey prior to General Elections on the 1st of November and Turkey's role in supporting Syrian refugees.

Meeting Date: 15 December 2015
Attendance: 3 MSPs and 12 Non-MSPs
Guest Speakers: Murat Ozkok-Ohr, Sky Scanner

Topics Discussed:

- The role of digital business sector in turkey and how it can further the relationship between Scotland and Turkey particularly in developing tourism between the two countries.
- Discussions on increasing business activity between UK and Turkey. Financial Services were of a particular interest. Micro financing was of particular relevance and discussions was based upon what actions could encourage Scottish firms to invest in this field.
- Considerations to be given to renewing efforts to build up relationship between two Parliaments after the Turkish and Scottish Elections.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

James Dornan MSP, SNP

Gordon MacDonald MSP, SNP

Colin Beattie MSP, SNP

Richard Lyle, MSP, SNP

Hanzala Malik, MSP, Labour

Mary Scanlon, MSP, Conservative

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

Sitki Nalci – Secretary
Professor Umit Bititci
Serhat Sari
Cllr Yen Hongmei Jin
Dr Can Ozkan
Mehmet Mertcan
Dr Ufuk Gucbilmez
Erhan Tatar
Serkan Aydin
Akif Suzme
Dogan Kaya
Savas Ekinli
Mehmet Akdeniz
Professor Ayse Goker
Murat Ozkok-Ohr
Tevfik Kanber
Atilla Boyla
John Clifford
Nazmi Okan
Hasan Bakimci
Seref Zengin
Cllr Imtiaz Majid
Craig Egner
Dr Chris Ferrard
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Peter Jeal
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Duygu Duman
Ahmet Dursun
Shelagh Demir
Haydar Demir
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Durali Cengiz

	<p>Judy Ozkan Dr Feyza Sanver Ercan Balaban Rafi Karagol James Trolland Murat Onel Belgin Davidson Norman Rouxel Professor Jim Crow</p>
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<i>Organisations</i>	<p>Embassy of the Republic of Turkey Turkish Consulate General in Edinburgh Austrian Consulate Turkish Scottish Chamber of Commerce and Industry Turkish Airlines, Scotland Scottish Chambers of Commerce Edinburgh Turkish Cultural Association Speak Turkish Association Skyscanner Dumfries and Galloway Multicultural Association Scottish Council for Development and Industry</p>
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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	James Dornan MSP
Deputy Conveners	Gordon MacDonald MSP Hanzala Malik MSP
Secretary	Sitki Nalci
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

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