

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on Oil and Gas
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (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.)
14 December 2011
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
25 February 2015
<b>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]</b>
5 March 2014
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
20 March 2015
<b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b>  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.
<b>5 March 2014</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10 x MSPs and 16 x Non MSPs - <b>AGM &amp; Activity Survey</b></li><li>• The formal proceedings of the AGM took place, with Maureen Watt MSP, Tavish Scott MSP, Nanette Milne MSP and Lewis Macdonald MSP being elected as the Co-Convenors for the group for 2014/2015.</li></ul>

- Tavish Scott MSP chaired the meeting.
- Michael Tholen, Economics Director at Oil & Gas UK, gave an overview of the recently published Wood Review, focusing on the recommendations to maximise economic recovery from the UKCS.
- Michael then explained the main findings from the Oil & Gas UK 2014 Activity Survey: record investment, climbing costs, slumping exploration and as yet untapped reserves.
- Questions from the session centred on how what form the regulator would take, the cause of the fall in production, cost pressures for operators and questions about seismic surveying and exploration.

#### **14 May 2015**

- 9 x MSPs and 37 x Non MSPs – **Helicopter Safety**
- Lewis Macdonald MSP chaired the meeting on helicopter safety.
- Paul de Leeuw (Oil & Gas UK) opened the session by giving a brief overview of helicopter safety from an industry perspective and how the industry, government, regulators and workforce all work together to uphold high safety standards.
- Andrew Dettl (Airbus) spoke about Airbus' efforts to maintain safety in their offshore helicopter business, and about new helicopter models being introduced.
- Les Linklater (Step Change in Safety) provided a workforce perspective regarding helicopter safety, and showed the group the new emergency breathing system (EBS) and life jacket that had been introduced that year.
- Questions in the session included changes to helicopter windows, how industry communicated with families of offshore workers, UK/Norwegian system comparisons and pilot training.

#### **13 August 2014**

- 6 x MSPs and 18 x Non MSPs – **Employment and Skills**
- Maureen Watt MSP chaired the meeting on employment and skills issues in the oil and gas industry.
- Alix Thom (Oil & Gas UK) gave an overview about skills in the industry, and the action being taken to tackle skills shortage.
- Morven Spalding (OPITO) explained OPITO's role, as the industry's skills body, in promoting skills and training. Ms Spalding outlined initiatives, such as the National Oil and Gas Skills Week that industry were undertaking.
- Mike Duncan (Skills Development Scotland) outlined how the agency supports industry to tackle skills shortages.

#### **29 October 2014**

- 7 x MSPs and 19 x Non MSPs – **Decommissioning**
- Tavish Scott MSP chaired the meeting on decommissioning.
- Mick Borwell (Oil & Gas UK) gave an industry perspective on decommissioning, highlighting the challenges, and opportunities, that decommissioning presented.
- Nigel Jenkins (Decom North Sea) gave a critical insight into the potential scale of decommissioning and what was required of industry and government

to effectively decommission North Sea installations.

- Alistair Hope (Shell) talked about Shell's decommissioning on some of their Brent platforms, providing a real life context for the discussions.
- Questions raised included how Shell awarded their decommissioning work; what skills Scotland's workforce needs to establish itself as a centre for decommissioning excellence; environmental concerns; the cost challenges involved; and tax allowance structures for decommissioning.

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

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

Alison McInnes – Scottish Liberal Democrats  
Christian Allard – Scottish National Party  
Chic Brodie – Scottish National Party  
Dennis Robertson – Scottish National Party  
Jamie McGrigor - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party  
Jenny Marra – Scottish Labour  
Kevin Stewart – Scottish National Party  
Lewis Macdonald – Scottish Labour  
Liam McArthur – Scottish Liberal Democrats  
Mark McDonald – Scottish National Party  
Mary Scanlon – Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party  
Nanette Milne - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party  
Rhoda Grant – Scottish Labour  
Richard Baker – Scottish Labour  
Tavish Scott – Scottish Liberal Democrats

### **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	Christine Jones
Organisations	Oil & Gas UK - Secretariat Airbus Helicopters

	AMEC Group
	BG Group Plc
	BIG Partnership
	BP Exploration Operating Company Limited
	Chevron Upstream Limited
	CNR International (UK) Ltd
	Cogna Limited
	Dana Petroleum plc
	DECC
	Decom North Sea
	Edinburgh University
	Energy North
	Energy UK Limited
	Heriot Watt University
	Maersk Oil North Sea UK Limited
	Met Office
	OPITO
	Pinsent Masons
	Price Waterhouse Coopers
	QuEnSH Specialists Limited
	Rail Maritime and Transport Workers
	Robert Gordon University
	Sasol
	SCDI (Scottish Council Development and Industry)
	Scotland Office
	Scottish Enterprise
	Scottish Energy News
	Scottish Government
	Shell U.K. Exploration and Production
	Skills Development Scotland
	Spae Consulting
	Statoil ASA
	Step Change in Safety
	Stork Ltd
	Talisman Sinopec

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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	Nanette Milne MSP, Tavish Scott MSP, Lewis Macdonald MSP and Dennis Robertson MSP
Deputy Convener	
Secretary	Neil Michie, Oil & Gas UK
Treasurer	Neil Michie, Oil & Gas UK

**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).

£802.02 – hospitality from Oil & Gas UK for 2 x meetings

£450 – estimated secretarial support from Oil & Gas UK for 2 meetings

**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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