

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP			
Cross-Party Group on Armed Forces Veterans			
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.)			
September 2011			
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED			
9 September 2013			
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.			
Date	Main Subject	MSPs attending	Non MSPs attending
26 Sep 2012	The Armed Forces Charter and 'Our Commitments' Paper	6	12
28 Nov 2012	The Impact of the UK Government's Welfare Reform Programme on Veterans in Scotland	9	11
30 Jan 2013	Veterans Health and Well Being	13	15

17 April 2013	Veterans Housing in Scotland	4	21
12 June 2013	Transition (from Service to Civilian) and Employment of Veterans in Scotland	2	17

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.

Aileen McLeod
 Alex Fergusson
 Annabelle Ewing
 Dennis Robertson
 Hugh Henry
 Jackie Baillie
 Jackson Carlaw
 Jamie McGrigor
 Kenneth Gibson
 Nanette Milne
 Richard Lyle
 Richard Simpson
 Stewart Maxwell
 Willie Rennie

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	Erskine Poppyscotland Royal British Legion Scotland Scottish Veterans Housing Association Scottish Veterans Residences Scottish War Blinded Scottish Association Mental Health (SAMH)

	Scottish Government – Defence Policy Unit Veterans Scotland
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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	Alex Fergusson MSP
Deputy Convener	Hugh Henry MSP Stewart Maxwell MSP Willie Rennie MSP
Secretary	Mr Jim Wilson; Veterans Scotland
Treasurer	Mr Jim Wilson; Veterans Scotland

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.

None.

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

There is no subscription charged to the group.

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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