

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Aviation
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.)
31st October 2012
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
20 May 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.
<p>The group was set up to provide a forum for discussion for Scotland's expanding and evolving aviation industry and all associated sectors with a view to encourage new domestic and international routes from Scotland's airports.</p> <p><u>Wednesday, 31 October 2012</u></p> <p>MSP attendees 7 non-MSP attendees 21</p> <p>Minister for Transport, Keith Brown MSP attended the inaugural meeting. Scottish Airports presented the findings of the York Aviation report 'The Impact of Air Passenger Duty on Scotland' to the group. The group discussed the report and agreed the Convener was to write to the Chancellor on behalf of the group asking for a review of APD.</p> <p>Topics of discussion for future meetings were noted.</p> <p><u>Wednesday, 27 February 2013</u></p> <p>MSP attendees 7 non-MSP attendees 22</p> <p>Group discussed the Treasury's reply to the Convener's letter requested a review of APD. Airlines presented the findings of the independent Price Waterhouse Coopers report into the impact of APD on the UK economy. The Convener to write to George Osborne citing the findings of the report and asking for a full review of APD.</p>

Route development fund – impact of EU prevention of state aid. Airports and Scottish Enterprise have been in consultation on whether an EU compliant Route Development fund is possible. The consensus is that this is needed particularly during the recession. Scottish Enterprise to produce a briefing note for the CPG on what route development work they currently undertake. Convener to write a letter inviting Keith Brown to CPG and asking what strategy the Scottish Government currently has in place for aviation. The letter will also be sent to Scottish MEPs.

Convener will write to US Consulate inviting Consul to attend the CPG to discuss the possibility of US preclearance in Scottish airports.

Regional access to Heathrow. Convener to make a submission to the DfT Night Flights consultation which closes on 22 April 2013 highlighting the economic importance of inbound 1st wave passengers into Scotland

Tuesday, 14 May 2013 - AGM

MSP attendees 6 non-MSP attendees 13

Convener to send letter to Minister for Transport regarding route development fund proposal. What form will it take and when will it be made public.

Group discussed how the Treasury has not engaged with the Scottish Parliament's Cross Party Group on Aviation despite their invitation to attend a meeting in Holyrood or for the CPG delegation to meet in London regarding the APD. Press release to be drafted and released.

Convener to send letter to the Davies Commission inviting them to attend a meeting of the CPG on Aviation.

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.

Colin Keir
David Stewart
John Scott
George Adam
Chic Brodie
James Dornan
Christine Grahame
Adam Ingram
Richard Lyle
Elaine Murray
Bill Walker
Maureen Watt

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	Roberta Bianchini, Robert Munn, William Wilson
Organisations	British Airways easyJet Loganair/Flybe Virgin Atlantic United Aberdeen Airport Highlands and Islands Airports Ltd (HIAL) Edinburgh Airport Glasgow Airport Prestwick Airport Global Infrastructure Partners (GIP) Barrhead Travel Scottish Passenger Agents Association (SPAA) Visit Scotland Scottish Enterprise Nestrans Hitrans Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce Scottish Chamber of Commerce Edinburgh Flying Club

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	Colin Keir MSP
Deputy Convener	John Scott MSP, David Stewart MSP
Secretary	Lorna Jack
Treasurer	-

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.

n/a

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

No subscription

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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