

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on The Caribbean
<b>DATE GROUP APPROVED</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> September 2011
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> March 2013
<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>25.10.11</b> – This was an establishment meeting to discuss officer bearers, the purpose of the group and the group’s future work programme. MSP (2) Non-MSP (12)
<b>26.06.12</b> – AGM – Topics discussed: Possible twinning of Millport and Hastings (Barbados); success of the Celtic Festival Barbados 2012; direct flights between Scotland and The Caribbean; number of people resident in Scotland with Caribbean ancestry and background; possible connections with Commonwealth celebrations. MSP (2) Non-MSP (14)
<b>18.09.12</b> – Topics discussed: Edinburgh University ‘One Region Many People’ Project which looks at Caribbean and Latin American connections; Twinning update; direct flights; respite centre under construction in Barbados for those with Crohns disease, a mission will take over supplies, this is being driven by CPG member Victoria; history of Jamaica and Scotland; Commonwealth Commissioners to attend next CPG meeting which will coincide with David Livingston and Commonwealth celebrations. MSP (2) Non-MSP (14)
<b>MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP</b>
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.
Margaret Mitchell

Linda Fabiani  
Annabelle Ewing  
David Stewart  
Tavish Scott

**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.

Organisations

The Scotch Whisky Association  
The Caribbean Council  
Visit Barbados  
African and Caribbean Network  
Glasgow City Council  
Scottish Passenger Agents' Association

Individuals

Ian Gittens  
Carol Anderson  
Geoff Palmer  
Jeff Gilkes  
JP Cumberbatch  
Michael Lavizani  
Andros Stakis  
Alan White  
Brian Duffy  
Mark Lawson  
Alastair Keating  
Victoria Lee  
Bill Flockhart  
David Mathewson  
Di Stein  
Bryan Rankine  
Ali Nejafian  
Anne Mearns  
Raymond Khan  
Duncan Turnbull

	Angus McKay Alan Burnett
<b>GROUP OFFICE BEARERS</b>	
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	Margaret Mitchell MSP
Deputy Convener	Linda Fabiani MSP
Secretary	Ian Gittens
Treasurer	Geoff Palmer
<b>FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP</b>	
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.	
Not Applicable	
<b>SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP</b>	
Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.	
A subscription of £10 is charged to cover teas and coffees.	
<b>CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS</b>	
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