

CROSS-PARTY GROUPS IN THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

ANNUAL RETURN FORM

1. GROUP NAME *Code of Conduct 6.2.4*

Groups that have been accorded recognition will be permitted to use the title *Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament*.

Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on China

2. DATE GROUP APPROVED

27 October 2011

3. DATE ANNUAL REPORT

30 September 2012

4. GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

For each group meeting or other activity please provide the date, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and attendance figures (MSP and non-MSP).

28 September 2011 – The group met for the first time and elected office-bearers. Graeme Pearson MSP as Convener; Gil Paterson MSP as Vice Convener; and Jie Chen as Secretariat/Treasurer. The group discussed its remit and issues that they wanted to raise in the year ahead.

(5 MSPs; 24 in total)

15 November 2011 – Mark Boyce, Head of China Team, Scottish Government and Martin Reid, Director Group Services at Scottish Development International briefed members on the First Minister's upcoming trip to China. Carole Couper spoke about her research on the internationalisation of Scottish SMEs to China. And Wendy Liu gave a short presentation about CBBC initiatives and outcomes.

(3 MSPs; 19 in total)

25 January 2012 – The group welcomed Li Ruiyou, Consul General of the PRC in Edinburgh, who spoke about the relationship between Scotland and China. Jane Davidson of Scottish Opera delivered a short presentation about Scottish Opera's recent work in Beijing, and the importance of cultural exchange between Scotland and China.

(6 MSPs; 37 in total)

28 March 2012 – The group received a presentation from the Scotch Whisky Association regarding the experience of their members in China. Mark Boyce and Mark Allen of the Scottish Government reported back to the group regarding the First Minister's trip to China and spoke about the development of the China Plan.

(3 MSPs; 29 in total)

13 June 2012 – The group welcomed John Devlin from TalentScotland who gave a presentation on the work of the Relocation Advisory Service. The group also had a round-up of current activities and ongoing projects by CPG members.

(3 MSPs; 20 in total)

19 September 2012 – AGM: The group elected the following office-bearers: Graeme Pearson MSP as Convener; Gil Paterson MSP as Vice-Convener; Irene Campbell (Howden) as Secretariat/Treasurer. The group also had presentations from the Scottish Fiddle Orchestra and from Fiona MacLean, a consultant with a wide experience of helping companies operate in China.
(3 MSPs; 19 in total)

5. GROUP MEMBERS *Code of Conduct 6.4, Rules 2, 3, 5, 6 & 8*

When listing members, who are MSPs, only the MSPs name need be given. For members from outwith the Parliament, the name of the member and any employer they represent must be given.

MSPs	Non-MSPs Individuals
Graeme Pearson MSP	
Claudia Beamish MSP	
Hugh Henry MSP	Organisations
Gil Paterson MSP	Howden Global
Richard Simpson MSP	Scottish Whisky Association
Chic Brodie MSP	
Jackie Baillie MSP	
Jamie McGrigor MSP	

6. GROUP OFFICERS *Code of Conduct 6.4, Rule 4*

Please amend titles as necessary e.g. to indicate joint office holders, or preferred titles.

Convener	Graeme Pearson MSP
Vice-Convener	Gil Paterson MSP
Secretary	Irene Campbell, Howden
Treasurer	Irene Campbell, Howden

7. FINANCIAL OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED *Code of Conduct 6.3.1 & 6.3.6, 6.4 Rule 10*

The group must register any financial or other material benefit received by the group from whatever source, where the value of the financial sum or benefit from any single source exceeds £500 in any one calendar year. This includes donations, sponsorship, subscriptions, hospitality, gifts, visits, provision of services or accommodation or staff assistance. The value of use of Parliamentary facilities need not be registered.

The details requiring to be registered include a brief description of the benefit, the approximate monetary value, the date on which it was received and the source from which it came. Where a consultancy organisation provides benefits, the client on whose behalf these are provided should be named.

Date	Amount	Description
28-9-11	£37.80	Catering for meeting
15-11-11	£32.40	Catering for meeting
25-1-12	£454.50	Catering for meeting
25-1-12	£78.96	Beverages for meeting
28-3-12	£39.00	Catering for meeting
13-6-12	£28.00	Catering for meeting
19-9-12	£27.00	Catering for meeting
Ongoing	c£750 pa	Secretariat support Howden Group generously provides Secretariat support and pay for catering for all meetings. The other exception is the cost of beverages for 25-1-12 meeting, which was met by Scottish China Education Network.

8. GROUP SUBSCRIPTION *Code of Conduct 6.4, Rule 9*

Where a group charges or proposes to charge a subscription, this must be reasonable and the same for all members. The amount of the subscription should be registered and the purposes for which it is intended to use the subscription.

Amount per group member per year	-
Date subscription applied	

9. GROUP STAFF AS PARLIAMENTARY PASS HOLDERS

If a group makes use of staff issued with a Parliamentary pass, any paid activity undertaken by those staff where the employer benefits from the pass holder's access to the Parliament must be registered. There is no need to state the amount of remuneration. The requirement relates both to staff employed directly by the group and to staff employed by an outside organisation to provide assistance to the group.

Staff name	
Title of post	
Name and address of employer organisation	
Type of employer organisation	

10. GROUP CONTACT *Code of Conduct 6.3.4, 6.3.5 and 6.5.1 – 6.5.4*

Please give the full details of an elected official of the group who is an MSP who will be the contact for registration matters for the group. Initially this must be the Member who signs the declaration on compliance with the rules on behalf of the group. If a group subsequently changes the designated contact, the office of the Standards Clerk must be informed within 7 days of the change.

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Constituency Office telephone number	-